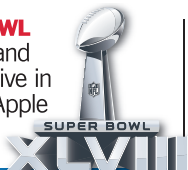


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## Auschwitz survivors mark liberation anniversary

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Survivors and Israeli officials mark 69 years since the liberation of the Nazi death camp in Oswiecim, Poland, on Monday at the Auschwitz-Birkenau memorial. Monday was International Holocaust Remembrance Day, established by the United Nations in memory of 6 million Holocaust victims and about 1.5 million victims of Auschwitz, who were mostly Jews. Survivors walked through the gate that bears the infamous "Arbeit Macht Frei" ("Work Makes You Free") sign and laid a wreath at the former camp's Executions Wall.

## Marine reservists latest on hook for 'erroneous payments'

By JOHN VANDIVER  
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — For two years, Marine Corps Reservist Lt. Col. Rollin Jackson served on active duty in California, some 2,000 miles from his Missouri home.

During that time, he was required to live in a hotel near his duty station in San Diego, where he worked as a mobilization officer.

Then, without warning, the Marines told Jackson he had been overpaid. Based on a technicality — that Jackson signed his mobilization orders upon arrival in San Diego rather than at his home in Missouri — the Marine

**'You can't go around preaching military family to me and levy debts like this on somebody.'**

Lt. Col. Rollin Jackson  
Marine Corps reservist

Corps determined that Jackson owed \$85,000 that he was paid for hotels and per-diem during his tenure in California. The Marines also

sent his government travel card statement, carrying a balance of \$9,996.25, to a collection agency, Jackson said.

He and other Marine Corps reservists are the latest group of servicemembers and civilian Defense Department employees in dispute with the military over whether certain allowances were properly paid or have to be repaid.

"There are Marines, junior Marines, who are also being harmed," Jackson said. "There are many, many people out there in a similar situation as mine. It's not just Marines."

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## Military's top brass leading by example?

Files detail spate of misconduct dogging the US armed forces

By CRAIG WHITLOCK  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Brig. Gen. Bryan T. Roberts publicly warned his troops at Fort Jackson, S.C., last spring that he and the Army had "zero tolerance for sexual harassment and sexual assault." Here's what the Army didn't tell the soldiers: At the time, Roberts himself was under investigation by the military over allegations that he physically assaulted one of his mistresses on multiple occasions.

Martin P. Schweitzer, a commander with the Army's legendary 82nd Airborne Division, was respectful and polite when he met a female member of Congress to discuss matters at Fort Bragg, N.C. Afterward, however, he couldn't resist tapping out emails to two other generals, describing the lawmaker, Rep. Keneo Ellmors, R-N.C., as "smoking hot" and jokingly referring to explicit sexual acts.

David C. Uhrich, a one-star Air Force general, kept a vodka bottle in his desk at Joint Base Langley-Eustis and repeatedly drank on duty, so much so that another officer told investigators that "if he did not have his alcohol, the wheels would come off," according to the findings of an Air Force probe. The married Uhrich later sought treatment for a drinking problem, but not before he also investigated for allegedly having an affair, something prohibited under military law.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"This is the optimal approach to ensuring the people of New Jersey get the answers they need to these questions about the abuse of government power."

— N.J. Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto, on merging legislative investigations into allegations that Gov. Chris Christie's aides blocked traffic near a bridge for political backback

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## Wheels and hoops

Airman 1st Class Marquez Davis, center, reacts after being called for traveling in a wheelchair basketball tournament Friday at Sembach Kaserne, Germany. The tournament was held by the Warrior Transition Battalion to promote its adaptive sports program. One Air Force team, a Marine team and six Army teams competed. The Air Force team, comprising members from the 86th Communications Squadron, edged out the Army's Warrior Transition Battalion, Company A, team for the championship.

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For photos of the tournament, go to [stripes.com/go/wtbt](http://stripes.com/go/wtbt)

## Hook: Marines indebted on technicality have faced long fight

### FROM FRONT PAGE

Army reservists in Germany also are facing debts over possible errors in housing and other allowances given to troops placed on active duty. In addition, about 700 DOD civilians working overseas have been told they were awarded housing allowances in error.

While the circumstances in each case vary, there's one thing most have in common: Troops and civilians are on the financial hook for benefits they were promised when they were activated for duty away from their home bases or were hired into civil service.

Since coming off active duty in 2012 and returning to Missouri, Jackson has been struggling to rescue his family from a mountain of debt. He's sought help from military personnel officials and some members the Marine Corps' most senior leadership, who have expressed sympathy.

"Just wanted you to know we're going to work this," Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford, then-assistant commandant of the Marines Corps, wrote in a March 7, 2012, email to Jackson.

"There are apparently many cases like yours," wrote Dunford, who now heads U.S. and coalition forces in Afghanistan.

Two years later, despite numerous appeals for support to seemingly sympathetic commanders, nothing has changed for Jackson. "Everybody is sitting on their freaking hands," he told Stars and Stripes in a phone interview in December.

Many of those affected are asking why those who made the mistakes are not being held ac-

countable when, in most cases, the military itself acknowledges servicemembers and civilians are not at fault for "erroneous payments." For example, DOD acknowledged that bureaucratic errors, not the nearly 700 overseas civilians, were responsible for allocating housing allowances. The Army made similar admissions in connection with a group of Germany-based reservists indebted through no fault of their own.

Those now told to repay allowances or to seek special debt-relief waivers argue that the Defense Department and its service components need to reform how they seek restitution on certain allowances deemed to have been allocated in error.

"You can't go around preaching military family to me and levy debts like this on somebody," Jackson said.

In the case of the Marines, between April and July 2012, the Corps launched a wide-ranging review of reservist orders to discover whether benefits were being paid in error. In all, 79,000 sets of reserve orders were reviewed, 25,000 of which were "determined to need further analysis," according to the Marines. Of that analysis, 83 were found to have possible travel-claim or entitlement issues. Nine-teen of those involved Marines in situations much like Jackson that deal with the "place last entered active duty," known by the acronym, PLEAD, according to the Marines.

Like Jackson, Rachel Knight was indebted based on a technicality — she signed orders away from her Idaho home after

being placed on active duty in California, where she served for about two years. According to the Marines, receiving orders upon arrival at a duty station can constitute a break in service and change a Marine's PLEAD.

Shawn Haney, a Marine spokeswoman, said the Corps is trying to resolve outstanding issues with affected Marines.

"The Marine Corps is well aware and actively working to resolve the issues for the existing affected members and establish long-term solutions to help prevent future issues related to PLEAD," Haney wrote in a statement.

Jackson, however, said he believes the Marines have misunderstood the regulations, and has been fighting to have his case heard for two years.

"They (the Marines) have not reached out to me. I'm on my own," Jackson said, noting that his appeal to the military Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals has yet to be heard.

Meanwhile, Knight, a former staff sergeant who received allowances to subsidize housing expenses for her dependents in Idaho and for her daily expenses in California while on active duty, also said she's received little support from the Marines. The Corps determined that it had erred in granting certain payments, citing issues with her PLEAD, Knight said.

While the Marines declined to comment on individual cases, those affected have been advised by the Corps that they can seek debt waivers from the Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Knight, however, said without

a guarantee that the debt will be erased, she's reluctant to sign a document that includes the tacit acknowledgment that the debt is legitimate.

Now, Knight's debt notice arrives in the mail each month.

The Defense Finance Accounting Service, which processes paychecks, wants her to pay \$1,800 per month and has threatened to send her to a collection bureau as well as legal action.

"We may also refer your delinquent debt, along with additional processing fees, to the Department of Justice for legal action and to the Treasury Department for administrative offset against any payment due to you from Federal and State Governments," read a DFAS billing statement issued to Knight.

Knight said she pays a token \$5 toward the debt each month to show good faith in hopes the Marines eventually will take action to relieve her of the financial burden.

"Either I am being maliciously targeted, or they are grossly incompetent," Knight said. "But either way, I shouldn't be the one paying the price. None of us should be."

Meanwhile, Jackson, whose 30-year career with the Marines began when he enlisted at 17 and who works as a professor and education consultant in Missouri when not on active duty, said his efforts to appeal the debt have been stymied by the Corps.

"I am appalled we have organizations out there that are getting away with treating their people this way," Jackson said.

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## NATION

# US denounces Afghan plan to release prisoners

By JOSH SMITH

Stars and Stripes

KABUL — American military leaders in Afghanistan on Monday accused the Afghan government of flouting the judicial process to free dozens of prisoners considered by the U.S. to be “legitimate threats to security.”

In a statement released by U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, officials said they have learned that 37 of 88 disputed detainees being held by the Afghans are scheduled to be released soon.

The last detention facility under U.S. control in Afghanistan, a prison in Parwan province, was officially handed over to the Afghans last March after delays caused by American fears that high-value prisoners could be released and concerns by human rights organizations that detainees could face abuse at the hands of Afghan guards.

The continued U.S. involvement in the detainee system became a source of tension between the U.S. and Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

The fate of the prisoners slated to be released is one of several points of friction as Kabul and Washington negotiate the future of foreign troops in the country.

Karzai has said the detention of prisoners is a matter of national sovereignty, while U.S. and some Afghan military officials fear they could return to the battlefield and that the release of those accused of killing Afghan troops could undermine morale in the nation's security forces.

Pentagon spokesman Col. Steve Warren would not rule out the possibility that International Security Assistance Force troops will try to detain or take action against the released prisoners if they are set free.

“That’s a question to be determined, I think,” Warren said. “I won’t talk about our plans for the future, of course, but obviously we take this matter very seriously and we’re very concerned.”

“This extra-judicial release of detainees is a major step backward in further developing the rule of law in Afghanistan,” Monday’s USFOR-A statement read. “The

[Afghan Review Board] is releasing these individuals without referral to an investigative body or the Afghan justice system

despite the fact that the U.S. has disputed these 88 cases.”

The statement described the 88 as “dangerous individuals ... who are legitimate threats to

security or for whom there is strong evidence or investigative leads supporting prosecution or further investigation.”

Afghan officials did not respond to a request for comment. Initially, all 88 prisoners were slated for release, but that number was revised to 72 in early January. It was not immediately clear whether the 37 con-

stitute another revision or are merely part of a first group to be released.

The Afghan Review Board, the commission in charge of determining the detainees’ fates, concluded that there is insufficient evidence to hold the men.

U.S. military officials contend that the prisoners have been involved in attacks on coalition and Afghan troops and pose a security threat if freed.

“The ARB is releasing back to society dangerous insurgents who have Afghan blood on their hands,” Monday’s statement said. “The 37 being released include 17 who are linked to the production of or attacks using improvised explosive devices; three who participated in or had knowledge of direct attacks wounding or killing 11 ANSF (Afghan National Security Forces) members; and four who participated in or had knowledge of direct attacks wounding or killing 42 U.S. or Coalition Force members.”

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## Afghanistan insists at least 12 civilians killed in US attacks

By JOSH SMITH

Stars and Stripes

KABUL — The Afghan government insisted Monday that American forces killed at least a dozen civilians during a military operation in eastern Afghanistan despite a news report that cast doubt on some of the evidence.

American officials have admitted that during a joint operation by U.S. and Afghan special forces on Jan. 15, at least two civilians died when ground troops called in airstrikes on buildings being used as firing positions by militants. One American soldier, one Afghan soldier and at least 14 militants were also killed during the fighting, according to the International Security Assistance Force.

Investigators with the Afghan government released a report last week accusing the United States of unilaterally carrying out the attack and of covering up additional civilian casualties caused by both an airstrike and alleged house-to-house shooting by U.S. troops.

Civilian casualties caused by international forces remain one of the most contentious issues in Afghanistan, with President Hamid Karzai often criticizing NATO and citing such incidents as a reason why future foreign military operations should be curtailed.

James Cunningham, the U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, acknowledged in a press briefing Monday that relations between Washington and Kabul have been strained by the dispute over the Jan. 15 operation in Parwan province, as well as by a planned release by Afghan authorities of prisoners and U.S. regards as security threats.

“I would hope that we would get back to a relationship that’s based on, first of all that’s based on fact, which is always a good place to start, and the facts have been distorted in the case of detainees and the civilian casualty

**‘The truth is there — that there were civilian casualties ... and that this was a unilateral operation and not in cooperation with local authorities.’**

Aimal Faizi  
spokesman for  
Afghan President  
Hamid Karzai

incident in Parwan,” he said. ISAF would not respond specifically to the allegations other than to point to a Jan. 19 news release that acknowledged civilian deaths.

The news release underlined that the operation was requested by local Afghan leaders, approved by the Afghan Defense Ministry and led by Afghan troops.

The Afghan government report was called into question by a story in The New York Times on Saturday that found nothing in a brief video of the alleged victims and which reported that at least two of the photos offered as evidence have been around for years.

One photo, of a funeral in the aftermath of a 2009 NATO bombing that killed as many as 70 civilians, had been distributed by



JOSH SMITH/Stars and Stripes

Alif Shah Ahmadzai, a resident of Afghanistan's Parwan province, points to a photo he says is of a funeral for villagers killed by U.S. forces on Jan. 15. The photo, however, was of a funeral from 2009, and it was published by international media, including The New York Times.

international news agencies. The other photo has been used for at least three years by groups, including the Taliban, to criticize the U.S. over civilian casualties, the Times said. It also reported that Afghan officials tasked with investigating the incident had not visited the area and had instead sent a driver and a bodyguard.

On Sunday, the Afghan government organized a news conference with men who said they were from the area north of Kabul where the clash took place.

One man, Alif Shah Ahmadzai, said he did not witness the fighting but that his cousins had been

killed. He accused the Times of “spreading lies.” When confronted with the photo that was demonstrably published in 2009, the men heatedly insisted that they knew the people at the funeral depicted in the picture.

“I can take the dead bodies out of their graves, and if I was wrong I should be hanged,” Ahmadzai told reporters assembled at a government press center.

The Afghan government, meanwhile, declined to answer specific questions about the dossier but released a response by Aimal Faizi, a spokesman for Karzai.

Faizi said the government is

trying to determine how the photos came to be included in the report but asserted that there is ample evidence to support the claims. He called the Times story “politically motivated” and designed to “undermine general opinion about this incident.”

“The truth is there — that there were civilian casualties, houses were destroyed and that this was a unilateral operation and not in cooperation with local authorities,” he said in the statement.

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## MILITARY

## Example: Recent eruption of brass misconduct 'a puzzle to everybody'

## FROM FRONT PAGE

The embarrassing episodes are described in previously undisclosed files of military investigations into personal misconduct by U.S. generals and admirals. Along with about two dozen other cases obtained by The Washington Post under the Freedom of Information Act, the investigations add to a list of revelations about misbehaving brass that have dogged the Pentagon over the past 15 months and tarnished the reputation of U.S. military leadership.

## Tawdry disclosures

Since November 2012, when an adulterous affair felled David Petraeus, the CIA director and most renowned Army general of his generation, the armed forces have struggled to cope with tawdry disclosures about high-ranking commanders.

The Navy has been humbled by a spiraling sex-and-bribery scandal, as well as a gambling incident involving a three-star admiral who authorities say they caught using counterfeit chips at a riverfront casino.

The Air Force relieved a nuclear commander after investigators said he went on a drinking binge in Moscow.

The Army fired one general for allegedly groping a woman, forced another to retire after he accepted expensive gifts from a foreigner and demoted its top commander in Africa after an investigation found he treated himself and his wife to a \$750-a-night Caribbean hotel suite at taxpayer expense.

The subject is painfully sensitive inside the Pentagon, where many generals and admirals say they are appalled but reluctant to openly criticize their peers.

"It's just offensive when you see people doing the things we've seen. It's just completely offensive," said an Army brigadier general who spoke on the condition of anonymity. "As officers, we ought to be held to a higher standard. Some of this stuff you're seeing with folks is just completely unacceptable."

Martin Cook, a professor of military ethics at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., said the recent eruption of misconduct is "frankly a puzzle to everybody." One factor may be that as officers climb higher in the ranks, they become insulated and fewer people are willing to challenge or question them, he said.

In his ethics classes, Cook said, military leaders recognize "they've got a major trust problem with the American people. ... They're deeply ashamed of it. It's horror. They say, 'Oh, we can't have that happening.'"

The chain of command is rising all the way up the chain of command.

In late 2012, then-Defense Secretary Leon Panetta ordered a review of ethical standards for senior military officers. Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, responded with a memo outlining several new training and evaluation programs for commanders and their staffs.

Since then, even more cases have come to light and consternation has continued to fester at the Pentagon.

Dec. 12, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel issued an unpublished directive to Dempsey and the military chiefs asking for another ethics review, this time of how the military teaches "core values and ethical leadership" to its officers. A response is due Feb. 14.

"The secretary takes seriously all lapses and failures in leadership," said Rear Adm.

John Kirby, Hagel's spokesman.

At the very top, the commander in chief has taken notice.

"President [Barack] Obama expects the nation's senior military leaders to demonstrate the highest standards of ethical conduct," Caitlin Hayden, a White House spokeswoman, said in an email. "The President has conveyed to the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that instances of senior general and flag officers not living up to these standards must be addressed effectively."

The Defense Department and the armed services closely guard the results of their



Roberts

misconduct investigations involving generals and admirals. The Air Force stamps its reports "Sensitive Material" and "For Official Use Only" and affixes a warning: "Do Not Open Cover Without A Need To Know." The Washington Post filed Freedom of Information Act requests with the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps for reports of inspector general investigations into senior official misconduct since Oct. 1, 2012. After a three-month review, which included an extra layer of checks from the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the services released 30 partially redacted reports. A large majority concerned generals in the Army and Air Force.

Some of the probes involve relatively minor infractions of military regulations or policy. But the most common transgressions are related to sexual or personal misbehavior. In seven of the cases, investigators determined that generals had affairs or engaged in "inappropriate" relationships.

While the public may have become accustomed to stories of philandering politicians or ethical breaches by corporate leaders, such behavior is still considered intolerable inside the military, especially for generals and admirals who are expected to set a sterling example.

The Uniform Code of Military Justice prohibits adultery, "improper" personal relationships, and officers can be prosecuted or disciplined for such offenses.

Just as significantly, military leaders are under intense scrutiny from Congress and the White House for how they respond to sexual assault or abuse in the ranks. Reports of sexual harassment have increased in recent years. Some lawmakers have called for strict commanders of their authority to oversee those investigations, arguing that they lack legal training and are too often insensitive to the problem.

## Bryan T. Roberts

In the April 4 edition of The Fort Jackson Leader, a newspaper published for the South Carolina post where the Army conducts much of its basic training, Brig. Gen. Roberts let it be known where he stood on the issue.

"Team Jackson, let me be clear, the Army has zero tolerance for sexual harassment and sexual assault, and so do I,"

**['(Military leaders have) a major trust problem with the American people. ... They're deeply ashamed of it. It's horror. They say, "Oh, we can't have that happening."']**

Martin Cook

Naval War College professor

Roberts wrote. "I view sexual harassment and assault as an enemy threat. ... All of us have a shared role in ridding our ranks of this cancerous conduct."

At the time, Roberts — the top commander at Fort Jackson — was under criminal investigation by the Army. Two months earlier, a woman filed a complaint alleging that she had been carrying on an affair with the married general for 18 months and that the relationship had turned violent on four occasions, according to an investigative report from the Army inspector general.

Most recently, the woman told investigators, the pair got into an argument in the general's quarters after she inadvertently called his wife on her cellphone. The woman said she slapped the general; in turn, he "bit her lip," and she suffered an eye injury. Although the woman said their sex was consensual, she added that she needed medical attention after two previous "physical altercations" with Roberts, according to the Army inspector general's investigative report.

As Army investigators began making inquiries, they found a second woman, a subordinate civilian employee, who told them she, too, was involved in an unusual sexual relationship with Roberts.

Roberts' phone records led investigators to a third woman, also a subordinate civilian employee.

The records showed the two had called each other more than 900 times over six months, mostly at night or on weekends. That woman denied having a sexual relationship with Roberts, calling him a "boss and friend." When investigators asked why the general called her so often on weekends and at odd hours, she replied that "it could be to talk about motorcycles or work-related issues" according to the inspector general's report.

In May, the Army announced that it had suspended Roberts for allegedly having a physical altercation with a mistress, but it gave no other details. In July, the Army announced that the general had been relieved of his command position at Fort Jackson.

In August, after a closed disciplinary hearing, the Army found Roberts guilty of assaulting the first mistress on one occasion and committing adultery with her over a nine-month period. He was fined \$5,000 and issued a written reprimand but retained his rank as a one-star general.

Gary Myers, Roberts' attorney, said he presented a case for self-defense in response to the assault charge but that it was rejected by the Army.

"This, like many cases, is far more complex than the documents would suggest," Myers said. The general, he added, "has expressed deep regret for the relationship with the woman and has accepted responsibility for that relationship."

In addition to the discipline imposed on Roberts for adultery and assault, the Army

inspector general concluded that he had engaged in "inappropriate relationships" with the other two women and improperly used government email and phones to communicate with them.

His attorney declined to comment on those findings but said the general's case "has absolutely nothing to do with sexual assault."

The Army said Roberts remains on active duty and is assigned to the Pentagon as a special assistant to the Army's vice chief of staff. The general will be "retiring soon," Myers said.

## Martin P. Schweitzer

Last summer, Army prosecutors were combing through the email accounts of Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sinclair, a commander facing a court-martial on sexual assault, adultery and other charges, when they uncovered a raunchy exchange with two other generals.

The exchange started in March 2011, when Schweitzer, then a colonel and the deputy commander for operations for the 82nd Airborne Division, held a meeting with Ellmers, a newly elected House member whose district included Fort Bragg.

Schweitzer gave a pointed summary of the meeting in an email to a superior, Maj. Gen. James Huggins, while copying Sinclair, then a fellow colonel and an 82nd Airborne commander.

"First — she is smoking hot," Schweitzer wrote. "Second — bringing went well ... she was engaging ... had done her homework. She wants us to know she stands with us and will work/push to get the Fort Bragg family resourced."

That, and what came next, led prosecutors to turn over the email chain to the Army inspector general for a full investigation.

"He sucks - I still needs to confirm hotness," Sinclair teased in a reply.

More than an hour later, Schweitzer responded with an apology for the delay, making another sexually explicit reference about the congresswoman.

In releasing its investigative report in response to the Post's Freedom of Information Act request, the Army censured the most offensive email in its entirety, citing personal privacy interests. It also redacted Ellmers' name and all references to her position as a member of Congress.

The Post obtained an original, uncensored copy of the emails from another source.

In a statement released Friday, Ellmers called the emails "entirely inappropriate." She said she was first told about them two weeks ago by Gen. John Campbell, the Army vice chief of staff, as officials were preparing to disclose the inspector general's report to the Post.

"I am pleased with the corrective actions that are taking place and how they handled the very difficult situation," Ellmers said.

Schweitzer, now a brigadier general who works at the Pentagon for the Joint Staff, did not respond to multiple requests for comment for this story.

Last summer, according to the report, he told Army investigators that his emails were "childish" and "truly stupid." He also called himself "an honorable man" and said "I am not perfect. This horrible attempt at a joke was simply that, a horrible attempt at a joke."

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## MILITARY

# Budget cuts scale back work to save Monitor artifacts

By STEVE SZKOTAK  
The Associated Press

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — When the turret of the USS Monitor was hoisted from the ocean floor in 2002, the real heavy lifting was just beginning: conserving and restoring more than 200 tons of Civil War ironclad artifacts.

The task went to The Mariners' Museum. Now, diminishing federal dollars have darkened a lab containing the revolving turret and other large pieces, closing to the public a window on the nation's maritime history and delaying possibly by decades their public display.

The museum has seen a steady decline in annual funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration amid budget cuts and shifting federal priorities. The private museum was designated by Congress as the official repository for the artifacts, but museum officials say they can't do it alone.

The museum's president and CEO, Elliot Gruber, said the 5,000-square-foot lab containing the turret, two Dahlgren guns and the Monitor's steam engine will remain dark until the federal government restores funding levels. The museum can't pour more money into the project while sustaining its own vast collections of maps, books, paintings and other exhibits — 35,000 pieces all told — he said.

Gruber framed the dilemma. "How do we continue with the conservation effort in an era when funding is harder and harder to obtain, and how does NOAA honor its obligation to the American people to continue the conservation work and put these on display?" he asked in an interview.

The Brooklyn-built Monitor is

a staple of American history lessons because of the iron-hulled warship's pioneering place in maritime lore, its sinking in rough seas off North Carolina on New Year's Eve 1862 and the discovery of the wreck in 1973. Sixteen of the ship's 62 crewmembers were killed in the sinking.

The Monitor's demise came about eight months after its clash with the Confederate ironclad CSS Virginia, the former USS Merrimack, in the Battle of Hampton Roads. It ended in a draw.

After the Monitor's recovery, a \$30 million exhibit opened in 2007 and houses pieces retrieved from the wreck, restored and conserved. They include the propeller, the anchor and silverware used by the Monitor's crew. But expectations that tens of thousands more visitors would flock to the museum's USS Monitor Center have fallen short.

James Delgado, director of NOAA's Maritime Heritage Program, said the agency will support the museum's work "as appropriations allow."

"We have been partners with the museum since 1987 when at their request they asked for the artifacts to be entrusted to them for conservation. That partnership continues, and the artifacts are not at risk," Delgado wrote in an email to The Associated Press.

A team of divers descended to the Monitor wreck in 2002 to hoist up the turret, which was filled with coal, sand and silt. Divers had to chip away at the hardened mass so the turret could be lifted. The remains of two sailors were found in the turret and they were buried a year ago at Arlington National Cemetery.

At the museum, the 120-ton turret is stored in a 90,000-gal-



STEVE HELBER/AP

USS Monitor Center Director David Krop looks out over the closed wet lab housing artifacts from the Civil War ironclad ship at The Mariners' Museum in Newport News, Va., on Jan. 21.

lon tank containing treated water and chemicals intended to draw out the saltwater. Without the bath, the massive piece would have crumbled into a heap after it was pulled from the ocean depths.

Two 13-foot-long Dahlgren guns, muzzle-loading naval artillery each weighing 8 tons, and the steam engine that powered the Monitor are stored in similar concoctions, now covered with thick, black plastic tarp.

The large pieces are undergoing the conservation in the so-called Wet Lab, a hangar-like space. Visitors to the museum once could peer through windows down into the lab from a platform above the space where five conservators used to work. Tours of the lab have also been suspended.

Now, a lone worker, Will Hoffman, sits at a computer at the base of the turret's towering holding tank where he monitors the pieces from a computer screen.

In an adjoining lab, hundreds of plastic containers hold other Monitor artifacts, ranging from a crewman's hair contained in a vial to a wooden plug shaped like a mushroom cap. It was used to ram charges into the Dahlgren guns.

The conservators are mind-



AP

The Monitor's turret was raised out of the ocean off the coast of Hatteras, N.C., in 2002.

ful of their work on an American treasure.

"We're entrusted with the history of America," Hoffman said.

The conservation, in its 10th year, has now slowed to a holding pattern.

"It's like a ghost town," said David Krop, director of the USS Monitor Center. "It's disheartening; it's sad."

If federal dollars hadn't dipped, the work would be complete within 15 years.

"But right now, if nothing was to change, 50 to 60 years is not out

of the question," Krop said.

Krop said that while the artifacts will remain stable, their restoration will not progress.

NOAA contributed 10 percent of the \$500,000 conservation costs last year, but none was received in 2012. In the past, NOAA's share had risen to about \$1 million.

Despite the funding disagreement, relations between NOAA and the museum remain cordial. "Outside of the funding, we see pretty much eye to eye," Gruber said.

## Example: Colleagues, employees say they find officers' behavior 'wrong'

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The Army inspector general concluded that Schweitzer had "failed to demonstrate exemplary conduct" and cited him for using his government email account "for an unauthorized purpose."

In response, the Army placed a "memorandum of concern" in Schweitzer's personnel file. It is also holding his previously announced promotion to major general "in abeyance pending formal review," according to Army spokesman George Wright.

Wright noted that inspector general probes are "administrative actions" and not criminal

investigations. Speaking generally, he defended the level of discipline that the Army imposes in such cases, calling it "appropriate and commensurate with the level of the allegations."

"It is serious, and it impacts these officers personally and professionally," Wright said. "There never was any attempt to sweep anything under the rug."

In the case of Uhrich, the married Air Force general who was reported for drinking vodka on duty and allegedly having an affair, several military officers and civilian employees who witnessed his behavior told investigators they were personally offended by it.

"It's very unbecoming," said an Air Force major, who like the other witnesses was not identified by name in the inspector general's report. With "the stories that are coming out about General Officers and the things that they're doing, I think it's ... not only bad timing but it's very, uh, poor judgment."

Added a male civilian employee: "Morally it's wrong. I think legally it's wrong. ... I watch the news. Everybody watches the news. We see what happens to generals and to people who had this happen."

A female civilian worker told investigators that she viewed

Uhrich's conduct as "messed up." She added, "He is [supposed to be an] outstanding, high-ranking officer that represents the United States Air Force and that is unacceptable."

The Air Force inspector general determined that Uhrich had engaged in an improper "romantic relationship" with the woman, a civilian who worked at a military base in Texas, and that he brought "discredit to himself" by repeatedly drinking on duty. An Air Force spokeswoman said he received "verbal counseling" as a result and remains on active duty.

Uhrich did not testify under oath or provide a statement to the

Air Force inspector general. He declined to comment in response to a request placed through an Air Force spokeswoman.

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## NATION

# Sen. Paul cites Clinton scandal in GOP defense

By PHILIP ELLIOTT  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Rand Paul is defending his fellow Republicans against criticism that the party is out-of-touch on women's issues by reminding voters that the Democrats' last president had an affair with a White House intern.



Paul

The Kentucky Republican's Sunday mention of President Bill Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky comes as Democrats have been redoubling their efforts to paint the GOP as a party that stands opposed to women on issues such as contraception, abortion rights and equal pay. After losing back-to-back presidential elections, the GOP has tried to improve its outreach to female voters, who reliably support Democratic candidates.

Those GOP efforts stumbled this week, when former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee talked about women's "libido" and "their reproductive system" while addressing the Republican National Committee. Bill Huckabee said Democrats were the ones who were patronizing women in their pitch for government-sponsored birth control, Democrats quickly seized on Huckabee's phrasing to underscore their campaign.

"The scariest part is that he

thinks they're going to be able to convince voters that 'wrote the new party for women,' wrote EMILY's List, a political committee dedicated to electing pro-abortion rights women to office.

Paul, rejecting the criticism of the GOP and trying to turn the tables, said Democrats should examine their former president and his infidelity.

"He took advantage of a girl that was 20 years old and an intern in his office," Paul said. "There is no excuse for that, and that is predatory behavior."

Lewinsky was 22 at the time of her first liaison with Clinton in November 1995.

Paul's remarks come as he weighs a presidential campaign in 2016 — an endeavor that could bring him face to face with former first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton if she decides to run for the White House.

Paul said that Bill Clinton's infidelity shouldn't be used against Hillary Rodham Clinton if she seeks the Democratic nomination for president. "Now, it's not Hillary's fault," he said.

But of the Clintons, he added, "Sometimes it's hard to separate one from the other."

Bill Clinton's lies about his relationship with Lewinsky were among the reasons the House cited in voting to impeach Clinton in 1998. The Senate acquitted him.

"Someone who takes advantage of a young girl in their office? Paul said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "I mean, really. And then they have the gall to stand up and say, 'Republicans are having a war on women?'"

## Fla. congressman to resign

The Associated Press

MIAMI — The Florida congressman who pleaded guilty to cocaine-possession charges last year will resign, his spokesman said Monday, after several GOP leaders requested that he step down.

Rep. Trey Radel will send a letter to House Speaker John Boehner, spokesman Dave Natonski said. Politico first reported the firing of the Republican's upcoming resignation.

On Nov. 20, Radel pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of cocaine possession and was sentenced to a year of probation. He admitted to purchasing 3.5 grams of cocaine from an undercover officer Oct. 29 in Washington.

Several GOP leaders, including

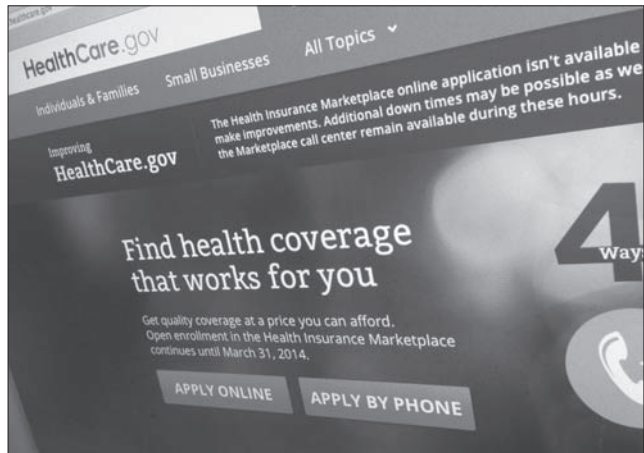


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Gov. Rick Scott, had asked him to resign. Radel had pledged to stay in office and rebuild constituents' trust after completing in-patient treatment for drug and alcohol abuse.

He entered rehab on Nov. 21. Radel had been in office for 10 months when charged. His district includes the Gulf Coast cities of Fort Myers and Naples.

The House Ethics Committee announced last month that it was launching a formal investigation of the congressman.



Even though the federal government's health care website is performing better, a new poll finds that two-thirds of Americans say things still aren't going well with the new health care program.

## Poll: Two-thirds have negative view of health care law rollout

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
AND JENNIFER AGRESTA  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Memo to the White House: The website may be fixed, but the new health insurance markets have yet to win over most consumers.

Negative perceptions of the health care rollout have eased, a new Associated Press-GFK poll finds. But overall, two-thirds of Americans say things still aren't going well.

Of those who've tried to sign up, or who live with someone who has, 71 percent have encountered problems. The share reporting success jumped to 40 percent from 24 percent in December.

"Everything is not perfect; it takes time to work out the glitches," said Carol Lyles, a homemaker provider from Los Angeles who was able to get coverage as a result of the law. "If done right, I believe it will provide the services that are needed."

The poll comes with about 60 days left in open enrollment season. The administration is playing catch-up to meet its goal of signing up 7 million people in new insurance exchanges that offer subsidized private coverage to middle-class households. So far, the markets have attracted an older crowd that tends to be more costly to cover. Younger people in the coveted 18-34 age group are still mainly on the sidelines.

While the poll did not find a turnaround for the Affordable Care Act, the trend offers some comfort for supporters of the health care law.

In December, 76 percent of adults had said the opening of the new markets was not going well. Such negative perceptions have now fallen to 66 percent.

Still, rave reviews remain rare. Only 4 percent said things were going extremely well or very well, while another 17 percent said things were going somewhat well.

Compare that with 38 percent who said the rollout had gone not at all well. Another 28 percent said things were not going too well. Add those together and it makes up two-thirds of the public.

"People were locked out of the system," said Karyle Knowles, a restaurant server from San Antonio. "They weren't able to access what they should have, which added to the mayhem."

The White House had hoped to bring the ease of online shopping to the daunting process of buying health insurance. Instead, the federal website serving 26 states froze up when it was launched Oct. 1. Some of the 14 states running their own sites also encountered problems. It took the better part of two months to straighten out the issues with the federal exchange.

The administration reported Friday that 3 million people have now signed up for private coverage through federal and state markets, and another 6.3 million have been deemed eligible for Medicaid coverage. It's not clear how many of those were previously uninsured.

According to the poll, many website users have had a frustrating experience. Among those who've tried to sign up, just 8 per-

cent say it worked well, 29 percent somewhat well, 53 percent not well.

The public's take on the law itself is stable, with 27 percent saying they back it, 42 percent opposed and 30 percent neutral. Those figures are unchanged since December.

People who have tried to sign up are more positive than the overall public — 46 percent say they back the law, 31 percent oppose it. Among the uninsured generally, there's a more even divide, with 30 percent saying they support the law while 33 percent oppose it.

The major elements of the health care law took effect with the new year. Virtually all Americans are now required to get covered or risk fines. Insurers can no longer turn away people with health problems. And the exchanges are open for business.

Enrollment in the Medicaid safety-net program is also rising. That's partly because of a program expansion accepted by about half the states and partly as a consequence of previously eligible but unenrolled people now forced to comply with the law's individual coverage mandate. Last week, Utah's Republican Gov. Gary Herbert said his state plans to become the 26th to accept the expansion.

The AP-GFK Poll was conducted Jan. 17-21 using KnowledgePanel, GFK's probability-based online panel designed to be representative of the U.S. population. It involved online interviews with 1,060 adults, and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.9 percentage points for the full sample.

## NATION

## State of the Union hyped on social media

By PAUL FARHI  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Here's a photo of senior presidential adviser Valerie Jarrett typing something at her desk. And here's another of her sitting with President Barack Obama and the first lady. The photos, posted on the White House's Instagram account, are supposed to give people an inside look at the "exciting and hectic week" of preparations for the State of the Union speech on Tuesday, as Jarrett puts it on Instagram.

Now here's White House chief speechwriter Cody Keenan, also on the White House's Instagram account, offering a "day in the life of" account of writing the big speech. Keenan's contributions: A blurry photo of a first draft of the speech and another of a folder marked "Presidential Statement."

And here's White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough in a YouTube video earnestly explaining that the speech is "an important moment when the policy that influences the fabric of the Ameri-

can experiment is shaped."

Presidential administrations have been promoting the State of the Union address long before Lyndon Johnson turned it into a prime-time TV event in 1965. The difference now is how the hype works. Instead of relying solely on the news media to gain up interest, the White House is doing the job. Taking its message directly to the public, it is selling the State of the Union speech with the same arsenal of social media tools it deployed to sell candidate Obama during two national campaigns.

The White House has devoted a multimedia page of the official WhiteHouse.gov website to the address. Obama's Twitter feed, which is followed by 41 million people, is studded with mentions of the speech. More promotional material about it appears on Obama and the White House's Facebook pages and Tumblr blog.

The buildup will continue during and after the address. As it has done for the past two years, Obama's communications staff plans to "enhance" Obama's re-

**"They now have the (technological) means to control the focus and the message."**

Terence Smith  
journalist

marks with play-along-at-home elements. As the president speaks, WhiteHouse.gov will post relevant charts, illustrations and data to support his points, all of it "shareable" on a viewer's social networks. The idea is similar to the "second screen" programming that corporate marketers transmit to Web visitors during the Super Bowl and other live TV events. The White House is touting the idea with a semiotic video showing what it might have looked like if other presidents had "enhanced" their addresses.

After the speech, "dozens" of administration officials will take questions about it in live chats on Twitter, Google Plus Hangouts and other social media, the White

House says.

The goal, said Nathaniel Lubin, acting director of digital strategy for the White House, is "greater public engagement" and clarity about the ideas and policies Obama advances. "First and foremost," Lubin said, "we're trying to provide content that reflects the mission of the president's speech."

Not incidentally, the effort enables the White House to put its own frame around the State of the Union, free from the news media's inevitable slicing and dicing.

"Technology has caught up with the ambition of this White House and every one before it to own their own story," said Terence Smith, a journalist formerly with PBS, CBS and The New

York Times. "It's a frontal appeal to the audience. They're not just going over the heads of the media. They're going over the heads of Congress, too. They now have the (technological) means" to control the focus and the message.

Smith isn't suggesting there's something sinister in this, but others have. Dozens of media organizations, including The Washington Post, formally complained in November about the exclusion of news photographers from official events and the White House's practice of using social media to distribute its own photos and videos to the public. The complaint said the policy was tantamount to censorship, like "placing a hand over a journalist's camera lens."

The White House draws a distinction in marketing the State of the Union. "The (social-media) tools we're using go hand in hand with traditional media coverage" of the speech, said Matt Lehrich, a White House spokesman. "This is a supplement to the coverage," he said, not a substitute for it.

## The new face of food stamps: Working-age Americans

By HOPE YEN  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a first, working-age people now make up the majority in U.S. households that rely on food stamps — a switch from a few years ago, when children and the elderly were the main recipients.

Some of the change is due to demographics, such as the trend toward having fewer children. But a slow economic recovery with high unemployment, stagnant wages and an increasing gulf between low-wage and high-skill jobs also plays a big role. It suggests that government spending on the \$80 billion-a-year food stamp program — twice what it cost five years ago — may not subside significantly anytime soon.

Food stamp participation since 1980 has grown the fastest among workers with some college training, a sign that the safety net has stretched further to cover Americans' former middle class, according to an analysis of government data for The Associated Press by economists at the University of Kentucky. Formally called Supplemental Nutrition Assistance, or SNAP, the program now covers 1 in 7 Americans.

The findings coincide with the latest economic data showing workers' wages and salaries growing at the lowest rate relative to corporate profits in U.S. history.

President Barack Obama's State of the Union address Tuesday night is expected to focus in part on reducing income inequality, such as by raising the federal minimum wage. Congress, meanwhile, is debating cuts to food stamps, with Republicans including House Majority Leader Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va., wanting a \$4 billion-a-year reduction to an anti-



Maggie Baccellano, shown with her daughter, Zoe, 3, in Austin, Texas, on Saturday, has applied for food stamps to help get by.

poverty program that they say promotes dependency and abuse. Economists say having a job may no longer be enough for self-sufficiency in today's economy.

"A low-wage job supplemented with food stamps is becoming more common for the working poor," said Timothy Smeeding, an economics professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison who specializes in income inequality. "Many of the U.S. jobs now being created are low- or minimum-wage — part-time or in areas such as retail or fast food — which means food stamp use will stay high for some time, even after unemployment improves."

The newer food stamp recipients include Maggie Baccellano, 25, of Austin, Texas. A high school graduate, she enrolled in college but didn't complete her nursing

degree after she could no longer afford the tuition.

Hoping to boost her credentials, she went through emergency medical technician training with the Army National Guard last year but was unable to find work as a paramedic because of the additional certification and fees required.

Baccellano, who now has a daughter, Zoe, 3, finally took a job as a home health aide, working six days a week at \$10 an hour. Struggling with the low income, she recently applied for food stamps with the help of the nonprofit Any Baby Can to help save up for paramedic training.

"It's devastating," Baccellano said. "When I left for the Army, I was so motivated, thinking I was creating a situation where I could give my daughter what I know she

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The percentage of food stamp households that are headed by a person with at least some college training, up from 8 percent in 1980.

deserves. But when I came back and basically found myself in the same situation, it was like it was all for naught."

Since 2009, more than 50 percent of U.S. households receiving food stamps have been adults ages 18 to 59, according to the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey. The food stamp program defines nonelderly adults as anyone younger than 60.

As recently as 1998, the working-age share of food stamp households was at a low of 44 percent, before the dot-com bust and subsequent recessions in 2001 and 2007 pushed new enrollees into the program, according to the analysis by James Ziliak, director of the Center for Poverty Research at the University of Kentucky. By education, about 28 percent of food stamp households are headed by a person with at least some college training, up from

8 percent in 1980. Among those with four-year college degrees, the share rose to 7 percent from 3 percent. High school graduates head the bulk of food stamp households at 47 percent, up from 28 percent. In contrast, food stamp households headed by a high school dropout have dropped by more than half, to 28 percent.

The shifts in food stamp participation come amid broader changes to the economy such as automation, globalization and outsourcing, which have polarized the job market. Many good-paying jobs in areas such as manufacturing have disappeared, shrinking the American middle class and bumping people with higher levels of education into lower-wage work.

An analysis Ziliak conducted for the AP finds that stagnant wages and income inequality play an increasing role in the growth of food stamp rolls.

Taking into account changing family structure, higher unemployment and policy expansions to the food stamp program, the analysis shows that stagnant wages and income inequality accounted for 13 percent of the increase in food stamp enrollment between 2000 and 2011. They explained just 3.5 percent of the change from 1980 to 2011.

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Lorne Campbell crosses a snow-covered street in Bismarck, N.D., on Sunday. An unusual weather pattern driving bitterly cold air from the Arctic Circle south is expected Monday.

## Midwest sees a refreeze

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Another winter day, another below-zero high for many parts of the Midwest.

The deep freeze that hit earlier this month has returned, bringing with it wind chills ranging from the negative teens to 40s, cancellations of schools, trains and flights, and signs of resignation from parents forced to bring kids to work and residents who are tired of bundling up.

"We had two [employees] call in because they couldn't come to work because of the school closings and another called in sick," said Kristelle Bristler, the manager of a downtown Chicago Starbucks who had to bring her

9-year-old son into the store because his school was closed. "It's hard."

A persistent weather pattern that's driving Arctic air south was forecast to force temperatures to plummet for about 2½ days, starting overnight Sunday. Actual temperatures will range from the teens in northern Kentucky to double-digits below zero in Minnesota, but even colder wind chills were expected — minus 43 in Minneapolis; minus 18 in Dayton, Ohio; minus 14 in Kansas City, Mo.; and minus 3 in Louisville, Ky.

Frigid temperatures are expected to hold into Tuesday. If Chicago makes it to 60 straight hours below zero, it will be the longest

stretch since 1983 — when it was below zero for 98 hours — and the third-longest in 80 years.

Chicago Public Schools closed off Monday's classes for its nearly 400,000 students, as did suburban districts. Earlier this month, when it was below zero for 36 straight hours, CPS closed for two days.

Elsewhere, North Dakota and South Dakota residents dealt with dangerous cold and wind gusts Sunday that reached up to 60 mph — blowing snow to the point where it was nearly impossible to travel in some spots. In Indiana, where 50 mph gusts were recorded early Monday, officials recommended only essential travel in more than half of its counties.

## Brain-dead woman taken off life support under judge's order

By Nomaan Merchant

The Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — A public battle over the fate of a brain-dead, pregnant Texas woman and her fetus ended quietly and privately as she was taken off life support and her family began preparing for her burial.

John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth complied Sunday with a judge's order to pull any life-sustaining treatment from Marlise Munoz, who was declared brain-dead in November but kept on machines for the sake of her fetus.

Munoz was removed from the machines shortly afterward and allowed to die. The fetus, which was at 23 weeks gestation, was not delivered.

The hospital's decision brought an apparent end to a case that inspired debates about abortion and end-of-life decisions, as well as whether a pregnant woman who is considered legally and medically dead should be kept on life support for the sake of a fetus, per Texas law. Anti-abortion activists attended Friday's court hearing and spoke out in favor of trying to deliver the fetus.

Whether the Munoz case leads Texas to change the law remains unclear. In recent years, the Legislature has enacted several new anti-abortion restrictions, including setting the legal guideline for when a fetus can feel pain at 20 weeks — a milestone Marlise Munoz's fetus passed about three weeks ago.

Munoz's husband, Erick Munoz, sued the hospital because it would not remove life support as he said his wife would have wanted

in such a situation. The couple, both paramedics, was familiar with end-of-life issues, and Erick Munoz said his wife had told him she would not want to be kept alive under such circumstances.

The hospital refused his request, citing Texas law that says life-sustaining treatment cannot be withdrawn from a pregnant patient, regardless of her end-of-life wishes.

Judge R.H. Wallace Jr. sided Friday with Erick Munoz, saying in his order, "Mrs. Munoz is dead."

Erick Munoz found his wife unconscious in their Haltom City home on Nov. 26, possibly due to a blood clot. Doctors soon determined that she was brain-dead, which meant she was both medically and legally dead by law, but kept her on machines to keep her organs functioning for the sake of the fetus.

Shortly after the hospital announced its decision not to fight the judge's order, his attorneys announced that she had been disconnected from life support about 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

"May Marlise Munoz finally rest in peace, and her family find the strength to complete what has been an unbearably long and arduous journey," they said in a statement.

Munoz told The Associated Press this month that he wanted to move forward with caring for the couple's infant son and relatives struck by the tragedy.

Larry Thompson, a state's attorney who argued on behalf of the hospital Friday, said the hospital was trying to protect the rights of the fetus as it believed Texas law instructed it to do.

## US seeking ideas on how to manage wild horse overpopulation

The Washington Post

When Velma Johnston almost single-handedly persuaded Congress to pass the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971, her goal was to protect an icon of the American West that had been slaughtered, poisoned and abused and was quickly disappearing.

More than four decades later, the woman known as "Wild Horse Annie" would undoubtedly be shocked by what her law

has wrought: so many mustangs, stashed in so many places, that authorities admit they have no idea how to handle them all.

Under the law, the federal government is responsible for more than 40,000 mustangs on the range in 10 Western states, where they compete with cattle and wild life for increasingly scarce water and forage. The public desire to adopt them is limited. Contraceptive efforts have largely failed. U.S. law — reaffirmed this month — effectively precludes slaugh-

tering them, or selling them to anyone who would. Activists want the horses left on the land.

Solving the decades-old problem is the task of the federal Bureau of Land Management. Already it manages 50,000 horses and burros it has rounded up and sent to pastures and corrals. But it is rapidly running out of places for more.

Now, by devoting about \$1.5 million from the new budget agreement for fiscal 2014, the agency is ready to take another

shot at one of the West's most intractable wildlife problems. It is inviting anyone with a legitimate idea of how to curb the horse and burro populations to step up and propose it. The agency will study the ones it finds most promising and try again to find a solution.

"We need all the help we can get," said Ed Roberson, the BLM's assistant director of resources and planning.

The BLM says the open range it manages can support 26,677 horses and burros, and estimates

that 40,605 are roaming that land. A National Research Council study released in June concluded that the agency may have undercounted by 10 percent to 50 percent, and that horse populations were probably growing at 15 percent to 20 percent every year.

The mustangs have no natural predators, except for an occasional mountain lion or bear. Left alone on the range, the agency predicts, their population would soar to 145,000 by 2020.



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## NATION



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Former New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin arrives Monday at the Hale Boggs Federal Building in New Orleans.

## Bribery trial opens for ex-New Orleans mayor

By MICHAEL KUNZELMAN  
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Jury selection began Monday in the trial of former New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin, who faces charges that he accepted bribes and free trips among other things from contractors in exchange for helping them secure millions of dollars in city work.

Nagin, a Democrat who was mayor when Hurricane Katrina struck in 2005, served two terms before leaving office in 2010. He was living in a Dallas suburb when a federal grand jury indicted him a year ago.

Nagin had little to say as he entered the federal courthouse with a noticeable limp.

Each bribery count carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison. Each wire fraud count is punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

The charges are the product of a City Hall corruption investigation that already has resulted in several convictions or guilty pleas by former Nagin associates.

Nagin's 21-count indictment accuses him of accepting more than \$160,000 in bribes and truckloads of free granite for his family business in exchange for promoting the interests of local businessman Frank Fradella. Nagin also was charged with accepting at least \$60,000 in payoffs from another businessman, Rodney Williams, for his help in securing city contracts.

The indictment claims Nagin received free private jet and limousine services to New York from an unidentified businessman who owned a New Orleans movie theater. Nagin is suspected of agreeing to waive tax penalties the businessman owed to the city on a delinquent tax bill in 2006.

From several city contractors, Nagin is accused of accepting free travel and vacation expenses for trips to Hawaii, Chicago, Las Vegas and Jamaica while in office.

The allegations aren't limited to his tenure as mayor. Prosecutors said Nagin accepted monthly payoffs from Fradella totaling \$112,250 after he left office.

# NJ Democrats set to unite traffic jam investigations

By ANGELA DELLI SANTI  
The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — New Jersey Democrats will pool their resources by merging separate legislative investigations into allegations that Republican Gov. Chris Christie's aides blocked traffic lanes near a heavily traveled bridge to create backups in a nearby town as political payback.

The state Assembly and Senate planned to vote Monday to establish a joint bipartisan committee with power to subpoena people and correspondence related to the lane closings and abuse-of-power allegations. Chicago lawyer Reid Schar will serve as special counsel to the panel of eight Democrats and four Republicans.

"This is the optimal approach to ensuring the people of New Jersey get the answers they need to these questions about the abuse of government power," said Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto, whose transportation committee was further along in its probe than a parallel effort in the Senate.

The U.S. attorney's office

stepped up a criminal investigation of the matter with subpoenas to the Christie for Governor re-election campaign and the state GOP, and probably others last week.

The resolution creating the special committee is almost certain to be approved, though Republicans in both chambers are expected to press the Democratic Legislature for input before future subpoenas are issued and for equal access to documents.

Those reach deep into the governor's office, the re-election effort and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the agency that runs the George Washington Bridge, which the traffic lanes lead to.

The resolution cites the gravity of the issues exposed in the traffic scandal and says that makes it "fitting for the Legislature through an appropriate committee to further investigate all aspects of the finances, operations and management of the Port Authority and

any other matter raising concerns about abuse of government power or an attempt to conceal an abuse of government power."

No subpoenas target Christie, a possible 2016 presidential candidate who has just begun a yearlong chairmanship of the Republican Governors Association. The governor has said he was not involved in the planning or the execution of the scheme, which appears to have been authorized by his deputy chief of staff, Bridget Kelly, and carried out by his No. 2 man at the bridge agency, David Wildstein.

Kelly has been fired and Wildstein resigned.

Two other Christie confidantes also were let go. His top deputy at the Port Authority, Bill Baroni, resigned after telling a legislative panel the lane closings were for a traffic pattern study, and two-time campaign manager Bill Stepien was told to step aside after he appeared to gloat over the traffic chaos in private emails released during the investigation.

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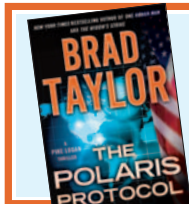
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## WORLD

## Remarks by broadcaster in Japan draw fire

BY MARI YAMAGUCHI  
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan's top government spokesman on Monday defended the new head of public broadcaster NHK for his remarks that the use of women as military prostitutes was common worldwide during World War II.

NHK chairman Katsuo Momii, 70, told a news conference Saturday marking his appointment that "comfort women" existed in any country at war, not just Japan, and criticized South Korea for dredging up a compensation issue that had been settled by a bilateral peace treaty.

Momii said he had no opinion about Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's inflammatory visit to the Yasukuni war shrine last month but suggested NHK might step up its coverage of Japanese claims

in territorial disputes with China and South Korea.

His remarks have raised concerns about a possible right-leaning shift by the country's

public broadcaster to reflect Abe's views, after it reportedly faced criticism from his nationalist government for having programs that were deemed too liberal.

Momii's comments drew an angry response from South Korean officials and former victims. South Korea's ruling and opposition parties demanded an apology from Japan and Momii's resignation.

Kang Il-chul, 87, who said she was abducted by Japanese soldiers and forced into sex slavery at age 15, called his comments "absurd."

Abe is thought to be pushing a more nationalist agenda since taking office in December 2012, and NHK's recent appointments were seen as reflecting his ideological bias. The government oversees NHK's public service content, and its chairman is picked by parliament-approved advisers.



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A stun grenade explodes as protesters clash Monday with police during unrest in central Kiev, Ukraine.

## Ukraine warns of state of emergency

BY JIM HEINTZ  
AND MARIA DANILOVA  
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine's justice minister is threatening to call for a state of emergency unless protesters leave her ministry building, which they occupied during the night.

The seizure of the building early Monday underlined how anti-government demonstrators are increasingly willing to take dramatic action as they push for the president's resignation and other concessions. Protesters now occupy four sizable buildings in downtown Kiev, including the city hall.

Justice Minister Elena Lukash said early Monday that she would ask the national security council to impose a state of emergency if the protesters don't leave the building, but she did not specify a deadline. Imposing a state of emergency likely would cause anger to spike among protesters, who have clashed with police repeatedly over the past week. Three protesters have died.

Lukash, in a televised statement, said the "so-called protesters" seized the building as ministry employees were working on measures to grant amnesty to protesters and to make changes in the constitution to return the country to a system where the prime minister's powers are stronger.

Beleaguered President Viktor Yanukovich on Saturday offered



A protester reacts after being injured by a rubber bullet during Monday's unrest.

the prime minister's post to Arseniy Yatsenyuk, one of the opposition's most prominent leaders. Yatsenyuk, while not flatly rejecting the offer, said protests would continue and that a special session of parliament called for Tuesday would be "judgment day."

It's not clear if constitutional changes will be on the agenda for that session, but granting more power to the prime minister could both sweeten the offer and allow Yanukovich to portray himself as seeking genuine compromise.

The prospect of a state of emergency comes after other official statements suggesting the government is considering forceful moves against the protesters in the wake of the violent clashes between demonstrators and police

over the past week. Three protesters died in the clashes, two of them after being shot and the third of unspecified injuries.

Authorities have said police do not carry the sort of weapons that allegedly killed the two men who were shot.

Interior Minister Vitali Zakharchenko, one of the ministers most despised by the protesters, on Saturday warned that demonstrators occupying buildings would be considered extremists and that force would be used against them if necessary.

He also claimed demonstrators had seized two policemen and tortured them before letting them go, which the opposition denied and called a ruse to justify a crackdown.

## Somali militant killed by missile

BY ABDI GULED  
The Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia — A member of Somali rebel group al-Shabab was killed Sunday by a missile fired by a suspected drone, said a rebel commander, who blamed the U.S. for the strike.

Abu Mohamed told The Associated Press that Sahal Iskudhuu, a militant commander who was believed to be close to al-Shabab's top leader, was killed when his car was hit by a missile in Somalia's Lower Shabelle region. The attack took place in a village called Hawai, he said.

A Somali intelligence official confirmed the attack, describing the victim as a "dangerous" militant. His driver was also killed in the attack, the official said on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to reveal the information.

Mohamed blamed the attack on the U.S., which flies drones over Somalia. In October, a U.S. military strike hit a vehicle carrying senior members of the al-Qaida-linked group, killing its top explosives expert. Earlier that month, U.S. Navy SEALs had raided a coastal Somali town to take down a Kenyan al-Shabab member.

The SEALs withdrew before capturing or killing their target — Abdulkadir Mohamed Abdulkadir, known as Ikrima — who was identified as the lead planner of a plot by al-Shabab to attack Kenya's parliament building and the United Nations office in the capital, Nairobi, in 2011 and 2012.

Kenya has faced multiple attacks by the militants, who want the country's military to leave Somalia. In September, the militants attacked Nairobi's upscale Westgate Mall with guns and grenades, killing at least 67 people.

## South proposes date for rival Koreans to resume holding family reunions

The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea on Monday proposed that the rival Koreans hold reunions next month for families separated by the 1950-53 Korean War, the latest response from a wary Seoul to Pyongyang's recent charm offensive.

North Korea last week agreed to resume the reunions, which haven't happened in more than three years, and called on South

Korea to set the date. Seoul is suggesting Feb. 17-22 at a North Korean mountain resort.

Despite hopes that the long-wished-for, highly emotional reunions will finally happen, there's much skepticism. Many in Seoul are suspicious of North Korea's recent outreach, which stands in sharp contrast to a two-month period last spring when Pyongyang vowed its third nuclear test with threats of atomic war against Seoul and Washington.

Some analysts see Pyongyang's soft words as merely a way to win concessions and investment needed to prop up a struggling economy; they say the impoverished country has previously staged provocations when its calls for detente failed to produce aid.

North Korea canceled planned reunions in September just before they were to begin. It has also conditioned its call for better ties with a demand that Seoul cancel upcoming annual war games

with the United States, something South Korea has refused to do.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has vowed to boost his people's standard of living, even as he pursues a nuclear weapons and missile program that has been condemned by his neighbors and the United States.

South Korea has so far rejected the North's overall offer to take a series of steps to ease tensions, saying Pyongyang must take nuclear disarmament steps first.

North Korea's torrent of threatening rhetoric in March and April followed international condemnation of Pyongyang's third nuclear test in February and U.S.-South Korean annual war drills, which the North says are a preparation for invasion.

Those drills — called routine by the allies — are set to resume again in coming weeks, and there has been worry in Seoul that another outburst from Pyongyang will follow.



## WORLD

# US restarts nonlethal aid to Syrian opposition

By BRADLEY KLAPPER  
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GENEVA — The United States has restarted deliveries of nonlethal aid to the Syrian opposition, officials said Monday, more than a month after al-Qaida-linked militants seized warehouses and prompted a sudden cutoff of Western supplies to the rebels.

The communications equipment and other items are being funneled for now only to unarmed opposition groups, the U.S. officials said.

The move nevertheless boosts Syria's beleaguered rebels, who saw their international support

slide after Islamic militants seized bases near the Turkish border that had been under the authority of a key U.S.-backed leader.

It could also be seen as a U.S. reward to the opposition for its participation in ongoing peace talks with President Bashar Assad's government in Geneva.

The U.S. officials, who weren't authorized to speak publicly on the matter and demanded anonymity, said the aid was being sent through Turkey into Syria, with the coordination of the Free Syrian Army's Supreme Military

## Tense session breaks up over transition

GENEVA — The first meeting meant to discuss the contentious issue of a Syrian transitional government broke up less than an hour after it began Monday following a tense session that one delegate described as "a dialogue of the deaf."

Council, led by Gen. Salim Idris, a secular-minded, Western-backed moderate.

The Syrian government has said it will not discuss replacing President Bashar Assad as the leader of a country his family has ruled since 1970.

The opposition insists he must step down in favor of a transitional governing body with full executive powers that would lead the country until elections are held.

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They stressed that the halt in supplies last month was only a "precautionary measure" until

the Obama administration could verify once again the security of aid packages.

Items taken in December from the Bab al-Hawa crossing between Syria and Turkey have since been returned, the officials said, and U.S.-supported rebel groups have taken steps to prevent future supplies from being diverted.

Direct, nonlethal U.S. assistance to armed Syrian rebel units could resume soon, U.S. officials said. They provided no indication about the status of lethal assistance such as body armor and ammunition.



Jerome Delay/AP

A vehicle filled with people and supplies precedes a convoy of more than 100 trucks bringing food aid and logistical supplies from Cameroon on Monday in the Central African Republic capital of Bangui.

## CAR rebels leave hillside camp

The Associated Press

BANGUI, Central African Republic — Witnesses say dozens of mainly Muslim rebels who overthrew the Central African Republic president last year are clearing out of a hilltop military base.

Monday's move comes a day after top brass from the fighters known as Seleka were escorted out of Bangui, the capital, by regional peacekeepers.

AP reporters watched the fighters departing from Camp de Roux. They are believed to be headed to another base farther north.

It marked the most significant exodus since Seleka rebel leader Michel Djotodia surrendered power earlier this month amid international criticism of his failure to stop his fighters from killing and looting.

A wave of bloodshed erupted last month when Christian militiamen attempted to oust Djotodia.

Also Monday, dozens of vehicles carrying emergency aid from the U.N. World Food Program were making their way under French military escort to Bangui. Some of the 100 trucks began arriving Monday from neighboring Cameroon after concerns

about violence along the road to Bangui had blocked the U.N. from delivering urgently needed supplies.

The first group of about 30 vehicles was greeted in the PK26 neighborhood by Rwandan and French forces, who escorted them to their destination.

Central African Republic's capital has been in a state of anarchy since the rebel leader who seized power last year stepped aside and an interim transitional government was installed. Escalating violence between Muslims and Christians has left an untold number of dead in recent weeks.

## Egyptian army chief who led coup promoted

CAIRO — Egypt's army chief, Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, who led last summer's coup ousting the Islamist president, inched closer to running for the country's top position Monday, receiving a promotion to the military's highest rank and meeting with top commanders to discuss a possible presidential bid.

If el-Sissi runs in the elections due by the end of April, he likely would sweep the vote, given his popularity among a significant sector of the public, the lack of alternatives, the almost universal support in Egypt's media and the powerful atmosphere of intimidation against any criticism of the general in the country.

During the weekend, large crowds turned out in rallies calling for el-Sissi to run, in a show heavily orchestrated by military supporters. At the same time, security forces cracked down on Islamists protesting to demand the reinstatement of ousted President Mohammed Morsi, in fighting that killed nearly 50 protesters — a sign of the violent divisions in the country.

## 52 slain in extremist attack in Nigeria

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria — Security officials say suspected Islamic extremists used explosives to attack a village in Nigeria's northeast, killing 52 people and razing more than 300 homes.

A security official said Monday the attackers planted several explosives at a market around Kawuri village Sunday. A police official who evacuated wounded victims confirmed at least 52 people were killed. Both spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not permitted to speak to reporters.

Ari Kolomi, who escaped the

massacre, said there were more than 50 attackers.

The security official blamed the Islamic terrorist network Boko Haram, which has killed thousands over four years in Nigeria's northeast.

Police commissioner Lawan Tanko confirmed the attack, but would not give details on casualties.

## Caribbean cruise ended after illness outbreak

KINGSTON, Jamaica — The Royal Caribbean cruise line on Sunday ended a ship's 10-day trip in the Caribbean early after hundreds of passengers and crew members were sickened with a gastrointestinal illness.

The Miami-based company made the announcement a few hours after officials from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention boarded the Explorer of the Seas during its U.S. Virgin Islands port call to investigate the illness and evaluate the outbreak response.

"New reports of illness have decreased day-over-day, and many guests are again up and about. Nevertheless, the disruptions caused by the early wave of illness means that they were unable to deliver the vacation our guests were expecting," Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. said in a statement.

The decision to end the trip came after consultation between CDC officials and members of the company's medical team, the company said.

The CDC said early Monday that 577 of the 3,050 passengers aboard the 15-deck ship reported getting sick during the cruise that left Cape Liberty, New Jersey, on Tuesday. Forty-nine crew members also reported feeling ill, according to Bernadette Burden, a spokeswoman for the CDC.

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## OPINION

## To fix our voting system, go local

Bloomberg News editorial

Most of the work produced by Washington's bipartisan-industrial complex ends up in the National Library of Forgotten and Ignored Bipartisan Reports, where it rests undisturbed for posterity. The 96-page report released Wednesday by President Barack Obama's bipartisan commission on election reform deserves a better fate.

The Presidential Commission on Election Administration, appointed last year after many embarrassing reports about Election Day in 2012 — including the infamous story of the 102-year-old woman in Florida who had to wait three hours in line to vote — was led by a Republican and a Democrat. In tone and content, its report is so resolutely practical that it's hard to imagine its recommendations stirring much debate, much less controversy.

It will, of course. Not all politicians want to make it easier for Americans to vote. The question, as it often is with such commissions, is whether there exists the political will to follow through. In that sense, the report's main strength is also a weakness. None of its 19 main recommendations require the approval of a dysfunctional Congress or a distracted executive. All that's needed is for local election officials to do their jobs better.

There's no doubt they need to. The panel's report makes clear that the many problems with the way Americans vote aren't just the result of a single error at Election Day. They also reflect that the system is built. Here is its polite summary of that system's flaws:

"The United States runs its elections unlike any other country in the world. Responsibility for elections is entrusted to local officials in approximately 8,000 different jurisdictions. In turn, they are subject to general oversight by officials most often chosen through a partisan appointment or election process. The point of contact for voters in the polling place is usually a temporary employee who has volunteered for one-day duty and has received only a few



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Students arrive at their school, which was also serving as a voting precinct for Election Day, in Fort Worth, Texas, on Nov. 5.

hours of training."

In other words, if the goal was to build a voting system all but guaranteed to be a mess, it would look a lot like this one. Moreover, even when cash-starved state and city budgets, election administration tends to fall "toward the lower end of the scale of priorities," as the report delicately puts it.

These failures have tangible consequences. One recent study found that the United States had the second-lowest voter turnout rate among developed nations while posting the fourth-greatest drop in turnout in the last three decades. When a group of people doesn't vote — such as the poor, who don't have many other options for influencing politicians — elected officials have little incentive to serve that group's interests.

The great contribution of today's report lies partly in listing the ways that elections can be run better. Its list of recommendations includes allowing more online voter

registration; setting a goal of no more than a 30-minute wait to vote; expanding the use of early voting; hiring staff for their expertise, rather than just their party affiliation; and instituting training standards for poll workers.

These recommendations may seem obvious. That's why the report's second benefit is equally important: making clear that states already have the authority they need to make these changes. As the study notes, the problems "that hinder the efficient administration of elections are both identifiable and solvable." The report includes dozens of concrete examples — how Delaware administers its voter and driver records efficiently, for example, and how restaurants manage long lines.

Not exactly the stuff of front-page headlines. What's at stake here, however, is nothing less than how a government runs its elections, and how a democracy treats its citizens.

## Obama's pot talk is a breath of fresh air

By DANNY WESTNEAT

The Seattle Times

Sometimes sea changes come so slowly that when they finally arrive, they barely make it into the news.

So it was the other day when President Barack Obama, in a magazine interview, said that marijuana, long classified as one of our worst drugs, is really about as safe as alcohol.

"As has been well documented, I smoked pot as a kid, and I view it as a bad habit and a vice," Obama said. "I don't think it is more dangerous than alcohol."

The implication of these words — that pot should be legalized, or at a minimum, decriminalized — is another example of how the "change" president has spent his years mostly following big cultural changes, not leading them.

Still, that the president just declared a major plank of the War on Drugs to be wrongheaded is big news. So big that his own Office of National Drug Control Policy hasn't gotten the memo.

"The administration steadfastly opposes legalization of marijuana and other drugs because legalization would increase the availability and use of illicit drugs, and pose significant health and safety risks to all Americans," the drug czar's website says.

Well, alcohol poses significant health and safety risks. It's just not a crime to drink, which is the key distinction. Obama wasn't encouraging pot use — at least to my ears. He was saying it makes no sense to treat people as criminals for it.

I guess this all strikes me as a big deal because I came of age in the "just say no" time of zero, or little, tolerance. The hypocrisy of arresting 700,000 people a year for what most politicians themselves had probably done so got thick it led to that uncomfortable era of "urine-test journalism," when we reporters would go around grilling politicians whether they'd ever smoked pot.

After youthful marijuana use failed a U.S. Supreme Court nominee, Douglas Ginsburg, in the late 1980s, it became a litmus-test question even in local politics. I remember a King County, Wash., executive candidate, Bruce Hilyer, who later became a Superior Court judge, fumbling the question at a televised debate and staring flummoxed into the cameras. (He eventually admitted to smoking pot when he was younger, and went on to win the primary but lost the general election.)

Well, now we have the president of the United States saying it probably should have been treated the same as, say, drinking vodka. So if you're a criminal, it made was a decades-long governmental mistake.

Sorry about that!

Some critics are bashing Obama for encouraging nationwide dope smoking, but he was actually pretty negative about it, calling it "a waste of time and not very healthy."

He also pointed out, correctly I think, that "the experiment taking place in Colorado and Washington is going to be a challenge." Will pot use here rise? Maybe. Will there be more drug addiction or abuse? Will it spark a drive to legalize harder drugs? Obama raised the specter of that.

Right now my neighborhood is having some second thoughts about the experiment. A nearby corner is zoned for pot shops, and depending on licensing decisions, could end up with as many as half a dozen in one block.

But Obama's alcohol comparison is apt. You wouldn't want six liquor stores in a block, either, and we've figured out ways as a city to keep that from happening.

The experiment here might fail — such as if a lot of kids start smoking — and then we'll have to try something else.

But for my entire life honest talk about the drug issue has seemed impossible, because of the hectoring, shaming stance of the government and hypocrisy of the lawmakers (remember "I didn't inhale"?). It really is a big change now just to hear a different tone.

## OPINION

## Asian-Americans caught up in cultural stereotype

BY ELLEN D. WU

Reviews of Amy Chua's forthcoming book, "The Triple Package" (co-written with husband Jed Rubenfeld), detonated a social media uproar among Asian-Americans. Many were infuriated by the New York Post's report that Chua, the self-styled Tiger Mom, was identifying eight superior "cultural" groups in the United States: Jewish, Indian, Chinese, Iranian, Lebanese, Nigerian, Cuban and Mormon. For Asian-Americans, the problem is about another Chua production that seems to perpetuate the "model minority" myth and, in particular, the notion that Asians are culturally — even genetically — endowed with characteristics that enable them to succeed in American society.

Before the mid-20th century, the Tiger Mom did not exist in the national imagination. Instead, Americans believed that Chinese culture was disgusting and vile, viewing U.S. Chinatown as depraved colonies of prostitutes, gamblers and opium addicts bereft of decency. Lawmakers and citizens deployed these arguments to justify and maintain the segregation, marginalization and exclusion of Chinese from mainline society between the 1870s and World War II. Those efforts were more than effective: to have a "Chinaman's chance" at that time meant that one had zero prospects.

There is danger in offering culture as a formula for success, because our ideas of culture are hardly fixed. The history of Americans' views about Chinese immigrant behaviors shows that "culture" often serves as a blank screen onto which

individuals project various political agendas, depending on the exigencies of the moment.

During World War II, white liberals agonized that racism was damaging the United States' ability to fight a war for democracy against the Axis powers. Many felt that the Chinese exclusion laws, which had barred migrants from China from entering the country or becoming naturalized citizens since the 1870s, risked America's trans-Pacific alliance with China against Japan. A coast-to-coast campaign emerged to overturn the laws. The Citizens Committee to Repeal Chinese Exclusion recognized that it would have to neutralize deep-seated fear of "yellow peril" coolie hordes. So it strategically recast Chinese in its promotional materials as "law-abiding, peace-loving, courteous people living quietly among us." Congress repealed the Chinese Exclusion Act in 1943.

In the 1950s, journalists, social scientists and policymakers recycled this fledgling idea, circulating it further and wider as they groped for a solution to what they perceived as a national juvenile delinquency crisis. The New York Times Magazine emphasized that Chinese youths displayed "unquestioned obedience" toward their elders, while Look magazine celebrated their "high moral sense." U.S. Rep. Arthur Klein, of New York, praised his Manhattan Chinatown constituents for their "respect for parents and teachers," "stable and loving home life" and thirst for education.

Those narratives gained traction because they upheld two dominant lines of Cold War-era thinking. The first was the valorization of the nuclear family. Popular portrayals of Chinese-American house-

holds that attributed their orderliness to Confucian tradition resonated with contemporary conservative mores.

The second was anti-communism. Observers who lauded stateside Chinese and their "venerable" Confucianism effectively drew contrasts between U.S. Chinatowns and Mao Tse-tung's China to suggest that superiority of the American way of life.

By the 1960s, the concept of strong, disciplined families became the basis of the new racial stereotype of Chinese-Americans as "model minorities": domestic exemplars, upwardly mobile and politically docile. In the midst of the black freedom movement of the 1960s, numerous politicians and academics and the mainstream media contrasted Chinese with blacks. They found it expedient to invoke Chinese "culture" to counter the demands of civil rights and black power activists for substantive change.

In 1966, then-Assistant Secretary of Labor Daniel Patrick Moynihan defended his controversial claim that the too-strong emphasis on patriarchy in black "culture" was to blame for the "deterioration" of black communities by pointing to the "enlightened family life" of the relatively well-to-do Chinese. The magazine U.S. News & World Report unequivocally made the same charged comparison: "At a time when it is being proposed that hundreds of billions be spent to uplift Negroes and other minorities, the nation's 300,000 Chinese-Americans are moving ahead on their own — with no help from anyone else."

Then, as now, Asian-Americans were troubled by what they saw as untrue juxtapositions. For one, the stereotype glossed

over the myriad difficulties their communities faced: poverty, drugs, suicide, mental illness. Ling-chi Wang warned in UC Berkeley's Asian-American Political Alliance newsletter (1968) that Chinatown's problems "will forever be neglected by the government" unless the community liberated itself from "the tyranny of this Chinese myth."

Moreover, critics disliked the ways in which ideas about Asian-Americans reinforced the denigration of blacks. Writing for Los Angeles-based *Genta* magazine in 1969, Amy Yumetatsu resented being implicated in "white racism" by being "held up" before other minority groups as a "model to emulate."

Took the "model minority" concept both fascinates and upsets precisely because it offers an unambiguous yet inaccurate blueprint for solving the nation's most pressing issues. The obstacles Americans face in the global economy, our declining prospects for socioeconomic mobility and the uncertainty of parenting in difficult times — all are real challenges. But "culture" cannot explain "success" any more than it can serve as a panacea for the dilemmas of the millennium.

We've heard enough of specious generalizations about "model minorities." We need to see Asian-Americans — and other racial, ethnic and religious groups — for what they are: dynamic, diverse and much more than one-dimensional stereotypes.

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## The political exhibitionism of the State of the Union

BY GEORGE F. WILL

As undignified as it is unedifying and unnecessary, the vulgar State of the Union circus is again at our throats. The document that the Constitutional Convention sent forth from Philadelphia for ratification in 1787 was just 4,543 words long, but this was 17 too many. America would be a sweeter place if the Framers had not included this laconic provision pertaining to the president: "He shall from time to time give to the Congress information of the state of the union."

"Information"? Not exactly. The Constitution's mild requirement has become a tiresome exercise in political exhibitionism, the most execrable ceremony in the nation's civic liturgy, regardless of which party's president is abusing it. You worship bipartisanship. There is not a dime's worth of difference between the ways the parties try to milk partisan advantage from this made-for-television political pep rally.

Tuesday evening, President Barack Obama probably will concentrate on inequality as a way of changing the subject from his conspicuous truism about the Affordable Care Act. So he probably will again propose partial public financing of Democratic candidates' campaigns, by again calling for "high-quality" universal preschool. This adjectival phrase is code for: Now we will do better because we will employ more certified — and unionized — teachers.

But the cognitive and other effects of early preschool are slight and evanescent — gone by the third grade. The few studies of other state programs that indicate better results have possible methodological problems explained by George Mason University social scientist David I. Arnsper and Sonia Sousa in "The Dubious Promise of Universal Pre-



President Barack Obama gives his State of the Union address on Feb. 12, 2013. In this year's address, Obama will confront a politically divided Congress with a demand to expand economic opportunity in America.

school" in National Affairs quarterly. Even "high-quality" universal preschool would not measurably reduce inequality. It would, however, efficiently convey funds from the federal treasury to a new cohort of unionized teachers, then through union dues to Democratic candidates.

The president will probably again propose combating inequality with a 23rd increase (since 1938) of the minimum wage. This would have no measurable effect on inequality because few heads of household earn the minimum wage and most such earners are part-time workers from households with an average annual income of \$53,000. Twenty percent are from households making \$75,000 or more.

Obama probably also will urge measures

to increase college enrollments. For several decades, both parties simply knew that not enough people owned homes. So federal policy — mortgage subsidies, lower lending standards — encouraged more homeowners than market rationality would have produced. One exciting result was the Great Recession.

Now the federal government, which simply knows that not enough people are getting college degrees, has fueled a bubble in higher education by funneling billions in subsidies for student tuition aid. To the surprise of no one, except the government, schools have responded by raising their prices — they are up 23 percent since Obama's first election — to capture the subsidies.

The Center for College Affordability and

Productivity ("Why Are Recent College Graduates Underemployed? University Enrollments and Labor-Market Realities") reports that about 48 percent of those college graduates who are employed are occupying jobs that the Bureau of Labor Statistics suggests require less than a four-year college education. Thirty-seven percent are in jobs that require no more than a high school diploma, and about 5 million are in jobs that require less than a high school education. About 14 percent of waiters and waitresses, 16.5 percent of bartenders, 18 percent of telemarketers, 14.5 percent of counter and sales clerks, and 24.6 percent of other retail salespeople have college degrees.

Those details probably will not be information that Obama gives to Congress on Tuesday evening, when legislators from the president's party will bray approval of his bromides and stillborn panaceas, legislators from the other party will be historically torpid or sullen and some moral exemplars in the House gallery will be applauded.

In 2010, Chief Justice John Roberts said: "The image of having the members of one branch of government standing up, literally surrounding the Supreme Court, cheering and hollering while the court — according to the requirements of protocol — has to sit there expressionless, I think is very troubling."

Justice Antonin Scalia no longer attends what he calls "cheerleading sessions." Justice Clarence Thomas, who says "there's a lot that you don't hear on TV — the catcalls, the whooping and hollering and under-the-breath comments," will not be there Tuesday night. Will Roberts attend? No justices or senior military officers should stoop to being props at these puerile spectacles.

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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Airport chairman's suit over wiretapping tossed

**KY** COVINGTON — A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit filed by Kenton County Airport Board Chairman Jim Huff and his wife after an airport secretary that Huff called accidentally overheard their private conversation.

Huff accidentally dialed secretary Carol Spaw on Oct. 24, while on a business trip. Spaw overheard Huff discussing ways to denote the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport's chief executive officer or get her to resign. Spaw took notes on the conversation and recorded a portion of it.

Huff and his wife filed a lawsuit accusing Spaw of wiretapping, but on Friday U.S. District Court Judge David Bunning ruled that even though the cellphone call was accidental, Spaw was under no obligation to hang up.

## Police chief proposes monitoring of officers

**DC** WASHINGTON — District of Columbia Police Chief Cathy Lanier says her department wants to place cameras on officers to monitor their conduct.

Lanier briefly mentioned the "on-body" camera technology Friday while speaking with the D.C. Council about recent police misconduct.

The problem drew public attention last month with the arrests of three officers accused in unrelated investigations involving child pornography, attempted murder and running a prostitution operation involving teenage girls.

Lanier did not give details about the proposed body-camera system, but said it was necessary to "establish a record of police conduct."

Other departments have been experimenting with body cameras to record videos of police activity. Police officers assigned to foot patrols of downtown Los Angeles began wearing them Wednesday as the city evaluates different models to include in its policing.

## Korean War vet gets medals 60 years later

**IL** DANVILLE — Almost 60 years after he was discharged from the Army, an eastern Illinois veteran finally received the medals he earned during the Korean War.

Robert Paul Jaynes, 84, didn't even think about getting his decorations when he left the military in 1954. Instead, he said, he was "just glad to get home."

The Danville man received his four medals and a citation Friday during a special ceremony at the Vermilion County War Museum. They were presented by U.S. Rep. John Shimkus, R-Ill.

Jaynes said receiving the medals is "quite an honor," adding that he never thought he'd actually get the decorations.

## Bedbugs temporarily close hospital's ER

**VA** RICHMOND — A hospital in Henrico County

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The total number of drunken-driving arrests two men held in separate cases have between them. The sheriff's office in Dane County, Wis., said deputies responded Sunday about 3:30 a.m. to a vehicle off the road in Medina, and the driver was charged with seventh-offense driving while intoxicated. About two hours later, deputies in Montrose found a vehicle in a snowbank. That driver was charged with sixth-offense drunken driving.



STEVE KOHLIS, (BRAINERD, MINN.) BRAINERDISPATCH/AP

## Busy as a bee

Dressed as a bumblebee, Alan Carpenter, of Hibbing, Minn., tries to launch his kite in the wind Saturday while fishing in the Brainerd Jaycees \$150,000 Ice Fishing Extravaganza on Gull Lake near Nisswa, Minn. The annual event is billed as the world's largest ice fishing contest.

temporary closed its emergency room after staff discovered a patient had bedbugs.

Bon Secours spokeswoman Charlotte Perkins said St. Mary's Hospital immediately cleared the waiting room after the bedbugs were discovered Saturday. Adult patients seeking emergency treatment were rerouted to the pediatric emergency department.

The emergency room was closed for four hours while an exterminator treated the facility.

## Man deported 8 times has been charged again

**IA** WATERLOO — A man charged with entering the United States illegally already has been deported eight times.

Jose William Lopez-Martinez, 31, was charged by immigration officials and appeared in court in Cedar Rapids on Thursday.

Lopez-Martinez is being detained while the case moves

forward. He was caught in September when Black Hawk County authorities arrested him on suspicion of drug charges.

Court records show that Lopez-Martinez was removed from the country eight times between 2000 and 2012. He is a citizen of Honduras.

## Blowing nose brings big buck running

**MS** JACKSON — The deer hunter figured sneezing had blown his chance at a deer, but blowing his nose brought a big buck running.

Ron Manning, of Hinds County, said that he's hunted deer for 54 years and never has seen anything like what happened earlier this month.

The buck was ready to fight, apparently thinking another buck was nearby.

Manning said the 8-point buck came roaring in, "his ears laid

back, his eyes glazed over, and the hair standing up on his back."

He said the deer was wide open, and he shot him at 25 yards.

Manning joked that instead of a grunt/wheeze call, this deer was fooled by a cough/sneeze call. He said he wishes he knew just what he did so he could do it again.

## Car rams gun shop in early morning burglary

**GA** NEWMAN — The owner of a gun store in western Georgia said thieves rammed a car through one of the walls of his shop and stole an estimated \$70,000 worth of high-powered rifles.

Surveillance footage at AR Bunker in Newman showed that it took thieves less than a minute to jump from a car and steal multiple guns before fleeing early Sunday morning.

Store owner Rusty Morris said he plans to reopen as soon as pos-

sible and he expects repairs to his damaged storefront to be finished Sunday.

## Police: Robbery suspect posed as electrician

**SC** NORTH CHARLESTON — Police are looking for a man claiming to be an electrician who robbed a North Charleston bar and tied up two people.

Officers responded to a report of a robbery just before 5 p.m. Saturday. Witnesses said a man dressed as an electrician came in and said he needed to do an inspection because of a blown transformer.

The people said the man took out a gun and took money from the register and a back office. They said he then tied them up with zip ties and left.

One shot was fired into a wall, but no one was hurt. Authorities are still investigating.

From wire reports

## SHIFTING GEARS

## Auto Show: 5 things we learned in Detroit

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The Associated Press

DETROIT — A race-worthy Corvette, a sumptuous Mercedes C-Class and other glitzy new models caught the eye at this year's North American International Auto Show, but larger trends in the auto industry were also on display.

Ford's aluminum-clad F-150 shows us that automakers are figuring out how to improve fuel economy and still give Americans the big vehicles they want. Porsche's 911 Targa and pocket rockets from Volkswagen and Subaru demonstrate that buyers still love performance cars, no matter what their budget.

And new mainstream cars like the Honda Fit and Chrysler 200 will have to work hard to compete in a market that's not growing as fast as it once did.

Here are five things we learned at the auto show's media days earlier this month. The show opened to the public Jan. 18.



A Nissan sports sedan concept, center, is displayed at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit on Jan. 14.

Carlos Osorio/AP

## Glimpse of the future



Infiniti, Kia, Volkswagen, Nissan, Audi, Mini, Volvo, Honda. These and other automakers showed concepts, which are experimental cars that test design ideas and new technology.

Toyota's FT-1, a sinewy sport car, reflects the company's desire to shed its stodgy reputation and build cars that make your heart pound. The clean, white Volvo XC coupe, made of high-strength steel, shows that Scandinavian safety can be sexy. Volkswagen's BlueMotion concept — a souped-up Passat — shows technical prowess, deactivating cylinders from its four-cylinder engine to get an estimated 42 mpg on the highway.

Some concepts are just trial balloons. Honda's space age FCV, a fully loaded electric car, is just testing the design limits for Honda's new fuel cell cars. Others, like Kia's radical GT4 Stinger sports car — which would take the Korean carmaker in a whole new direction — may be headed to showrooms.

The mere fact that the show is packed with concepts is a good sign. During the recession, budgets for these dream cars dried up.

"Automakers are clearly comfortable spending more," said Jessica Caldwell, a senior analyst with Edmunds.com

## Let's make a deal

It's become a buyer's market. And the industry knows it. Automakers and analysts expect total U.S. sales between 16 million

and 16.5 million this year. That's a return to pre-recession levels and a natural place for sales to be, based on population and other factors. But there's a catch: The easy sales have already been made.

Jim Lentz, Toyota's North American CEO, says the big sales gains — at least 1 million a year for four straight years — were driven by pent-up demand from people who held on to their cars through the recession and needed new ones. That demand is drying up; many are forecasting industry sales gains of 500,000 or less this year.

"I call it a leveling off," Lentz said. "We're going to rely more on the fundamentals of a strengthening economy that will grow the market."

That could be a boon for car buyers. Automakers could offer better lease deals and other incentives get their share of sales. That can quickly spiral into an expensive game for carmakers.

"They're eating their young if they're not careful," said Larry Dominique, president of ALG, an automotive data company.

## Everyone's an engineer

At past shows, nobody talked much about what the cars were made of. The widespread use of aluminum in the body of Ford's new F-150 pickup truck changed that. "Alloy" is now a buzz word.

The F-150 — whose body is made of 5000 and 600 series aluminum alloys — had everyone talking about materials. Toyota pointed out the aluminum hood of the hybrid Prius. Honda said

it uses magnesium for steering beams. The electric BMW i3 is made of carbon fiber. Volvo promises high-strength boron steel.

In the future, expect even more discussion about materials, their properties, their cost and their benefits or drawbacks. The carbon fiber used on the hood of the Corvette Stingray, for example, is half the weight of aluminum, said chief engineer Tadge Juechter.

But carbon fiber also has drawbacks. It's pricey and takes longer to form into parts — hardly ideal for high-production models. And steel still has its place. Beneath the aluminum, the F-150's frame is made of high-strength steel.

"It's about choosing the right material for the right purpose," said Art St. Cyr, vice president of product planning for American Honda.

## Bigger is better

Using new materials does more than just shed weight. It also debunks the widely held theory that cars and trucks will have to get smaller, or use batteries or other alternative power, in order to meet stricter fuel-mileage requirements.

"The expectation used to be that you'd have to get the green version, the eco model," Dominique said. "But now everyone's basking in it normally."

That's good news for the industry. Vehicles have quietly been getting bigger for the past few years, to the point that compacts are as big as older midsize cars. The Audi A4, for example, has gained 6 inches in the last decade, and its little sibling, the A3, has stretched to take its place. The A3 sedan is nearly the same size as the A4 was in 2004.

At the same time, U.S. consumers are also choosing bigger vehicles, at least while gas prices are steady. Car sales grew at less than half the pace of SUVs and crossovers last year, according to

Autodata Corp.

Ford's gamble on aluminum suggests those trends could continue despite the government's mandate that fleets meet a 54.5 mpg average by 2025.

## Zoom, zoom

Those fuel economy mandates once appeared to signal the death of sporty cars. But of the 50-plus new models being introduced in Detroit, more than a dozen are performance cars.

Americans now have more discretionary income — and a growing appetite for fast, maneuverable cars.

Chevrolet unveiled two race-worthy versions of the Corvette, each with a staggering 625 horsepower V8, while Volkswagen pulled the cover off the 290-horsepower Golf R compact. Subaru unveiled a high-speed version of the already powerful WRX small car.

Lexus showed its 450-horsepower RC F. Kia omitted the radio from its 315-horsepower GT4 Stinger because it thinks drivers will prefer the sound of the engine.

The industry isn't just showing off. Sports cars take a lot of research and development time and money, but the payoff to automakers comes when technology finds its way into mainstream cars, said Stifel auto analyst Jamie Albertine. Chrysler has a sporty version of its new 200 midsize car, a segment known for more pedestrian rides. BMW added M sport versions to its 3-Series sedan and 4-Series coupe.

The icing on the cake: The cars have smaller but better engines than the snarling V8 gas guzzlers of the past.

"Consumers have pounded the table on it," Albertine said. "They don't want to sacrifice the get-up-and-go."

Most people won't test the cars' limits, but they do merge onto highways and accelerate to avoid trouble, Albertine said.

"You don't want to put your foot to the floor and wait 10 seconds. There's an element of safety to it," Albertine said.



Kia GT4 Stinger concept



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## GRAMMY AWARDS

## Robot uprising

Daft Punk wins album, record of the year; Macklemore & Lewis, Musgraves, Lorde celebrated for messages in their music

By CHRIS TALBOTT  
The Associated Press

The Grammy Awards celebrated outcasts and outsiders, lionizing a couple of French robots, white rappers and a country gal espousing gay rights, and a Goth teenager who's clearly uncomfortable with the current themes in pop music.

The Recording Academy's voters mined some of pop's biggest hits to send an open-hearted message, awarding French electronic music pioneers Daft Punk for teaming with R&B legends to make an album that celebrated both genres, Macklemore & Ryan Lewis and Kacey Musgraves for embracing gay rights and Lorde for her anti-svag message to the masses.

Daft Punk and collaborator Pharrell Williams won four awards, including top honors album and record of the year, and best new artists Macklemore and Lewis won four of their own. Lorde won two awards for her inescapable hit "Royals."

Beyond their awards, each offered one of the more powerful moments at the Sunday night ceremony at Staples Center in Los Angeles. Lorde performed "Royals" wearing black lipstick and fingernail polish with little production, standing in opposition to the large-scale presentations from some of the night's other performers. Thomas Bangalter and Guy-Manuel De Homem-Christo of Daft Punk continued the celebratory feel of their hit, record of the year "Get Lucky," by asking Stevie Wonder to join them with Williams and Nile Rodgers in a colorful performance. Macklemore and Lewis invited 33 couples, some of the same sex, to get married with Madonna serenading them and Queen Latifah presiding.

The moment brought tears to the eyes of Keith Urban and although the robots don't reveal themselves or speak in public, they had feelings about it, too, asking producer Paul Williams to relay their thoughts.

"It was the height of fairness and love and the power of love for all people at any time in any combination, is what they wanted me to say," Williams said.

The robots spent much of the night humorously deferring to collaborators as they stood on stage. The job of spokesman often fell to producer of the year Pharrell, who guessed his way through a couple of acceptance speeches. "I suppose the robots would like to thank ...," he joked before noting, "Honestly, I bet France is really proud of these guys right now."

Their "Random Access Memories" was the year's event album, capitalizing on the growing popularity of electronic dance music and the presence of popular figures like Rodgers and Pharrell.

The award helps square The Recording Academy with the dance music crowd, who've been waiting for



MATT SAYLES, INVISION/AP

Macklemore, left, and Ryan Lewis perform their same-sex anthem "Same Love" on Sunday night. The duo, winners of four awards, invited 33 couples to get married during their performance.



MATT SAYLES, INVISION/AP

New Zealand teenager Lorde accepts the award for best pop solo performance for "Royals." The anti-svag message also won song of the year.

a major victory since the Bee Gees' 1977 "Saturday Night Fever" soundtrack, the last dance LP to win album of the year. "If you go to the headwaters of EDM, electronic dance music, you'll find them," Paul Williams said.

Earlier, it looked like the day might belong to Macklemore and Lewis, virtually unknowns from Seattle who dominated pop with three huge hits that were wildly different and rivaled "Get Lucky" in popularity — "Thrift Shop," "Can't Hold Us" and the gay rights anthem "Same Love."



JORDAN STRAUSS, INVISION/AP

Daft Punk arrives at the 56th annual Grammy Awards at Staples Center in Los Angeles on Sunday. The French electronic-music duo won four Grammys, including record of the year for "Get Lucky" and album of the year for "Random Access Memories."



DAN STEINBERG, INVISION/AP

Kacey Musgraves, who lost out to Macklemore and Lewis for best new artist, grabbed Grammys for country album ("Same Trailer Different Park") and country song ("Merry Go 'Round").

They won three awards during the pre-telecast ceremony — rap song and rap performance for the comical "Thrift Shop" and rap album for "The Heist," beating out Drake, Kendrick Lamar, Jay Z and Kanye West in that category before taking major award best new artist. They're only the third rap act to win best new artist, but their wins in the rap categories are sure to chafe many hip-hop fans — especially after Kendrick Lamar failed to win an award despite seven nominations. The Recording Academy's rap committee tried to exclude

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Macklemore and Lewis from the genre's categories before being overruled.

Musgraves took home best country album for "Same Trailer Different Park" and country song for "Merry Go 'Round." Musgraves also performed a neon-inflected version of "Follow Your Arrow," a song that includes the line "Kiss lots of boys/Or kiss lots of girls/if that's something you're into" among other socially conscious messages.

Then there's the curious case of Lorde, the New Zealand teenager whose invitation to ignore all the status symbols and svag signifiers of pop music in her song "Royals" was one of the year's out-of-nowhere hits. She took major award song of the year and best pop solo performance.

The singer shyly summed up the experience in just a few words during her acceptance speech: "Thank you everyone who has let this song explode. Because it's been mental."

**'I suppose the robots would like to thank ... Honestly, I bet France is really proud of these guys right now.'**

Pharrell

Producer of the year and Daft Punk collaborator, speaking on behalf of the French duo





## FACES



AMC/AP

Danai Gurira, shown in character as Michonne in "The Walking Dead," says she saw the power of creativity and artistic expression while growing up in Africa. These experiences inspired Gurira to invest time and energy into producing theater in Zimbabwe.

# Inspired by Africa

## 'Walking Dead' actor affected by experiences of youth

By JEFF MARTIN

The Associated Press

**G**rowing up in Zimbabwe and visiting South Africa as a young woman helped forge Danai Gurira's passion for producing theater in Africa.

As a young girl, she saw how females could be placed at the margins of society.

As a college student, she saw the power of artistic expression in South Africa, where creative people had been using theater and other art forms to fight Apartheid.

"These sorts of experiences seeped into my soul," said Gurira, a 35-year-old playwright and an actor on AMC's "The Walking Dead."

The mileposts from Gurira's younger years are among reasons she continues to invest so much of her talent and energy into producing theater in Zimbabwe.

One of her plays, "The Convert," was performed last month at a high school in the Zimbabwe capital of Harare. After one of the performances, she was moved when a young girl in the audience told her how much she loved the girl who played a leading role, Gurira said in an interview. "That really touched me because I'm always about the idea of seeing a girl being up front and center on the stage," Gurira said. "You see her strength and her determination. And her life force on display is not something Zimbabwean girls see every day."

Gurira plays swordswoman "Michonne" on "The Walking Dead," which is filmed in and around the small town of Senoia, Ga.

Gurira was born in Grinnell, Iowa, and moved to Zimbabwe — her parents' home — when she was 5.

Her Zimbabwean parents were academics, she said, who believed in letting people learn to think for themselves and speak their minds. She remembers her home in Zimbabwe being filled with books by Martin Luther King Jr., and a picture of the civil rights activist was displayed prominently

on a mantle. King had signed the photo for Gurira's mother, who met him when he gave a speech at her college, Illinois Wesleyan University.

Gurira returned to the U.S. when she was 19 to attend Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn. During her junior year, she had the opportunity to spend a semester abroad, in South Africa.

"It was at that time really that I decided to devote my life's work to the dramatic arts," she said, though she was still unsure of how, exactly, she would do that.

In December 2011, she co-founded Almasi Collaborative Arts, a nonprofit that seeks to foster collaboration between Zimbabwean artists and American theater professionals. A key goal is developing arts education for creative people in Zimbabwe. Its website includes the phrase "Kudzidza hakuperi," meaning that "learning never ends."

Gurira's play "The Convert" is one of several Almasi projects. It's set in 1895 in the part of Africa that would later become Zimbabwe. It tells the story of a girl forced to choose between her family's African traditions and Western values that she's embraced, according to a summary from Almasi.

When she's not on the rural Georgia set of "The Walking Dead," Gurira writes pieces for Almasi's newsletter and Skypes with theater professionals who partner with the group.

She also hears frequently from female fans of "The Walking Dead" who relate to her character on the show.

"A lot of girls approach me and say 'you make me feel strong,'" she said. I get that a lot from girls. Women of all ages actually."

Now, she says, she has high hopes that theater can inspire people in Zimbabwe and help the nation's young theater professionals and the overall economy. Colleagues say she's determined to carry that goal through.

Gurira said she also wants to help tell the stories of African women.

"I think it's very important to encourage the Zimbabwean female voice to be as bold and as loud as it deserves," she said.

## 'Ride Along,' 'Lone Survivor' top box office for second week

The Associated Press

The Kevin Hart comedy "Ride Along" continued to speed through a typically quiet box-office frame, while the monster thriller "I, Frankenstein" couldn't be roused from the dead.

The buddy cop comedy "Ride Along," co-starring Ice Cube, cruised to the top of the box office again, taking in \$21.2 million in its second weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday. The film last week set a January debut record, with \$48.6 million over the three-day holiday weekend.

For the second weekend in a row, Universal claimed No. 1 and No. 2 at the box office, with the Afghanistan war film "Lone Survivor" earning \$12.6 million in its fifth week. With a cumulative total of \$93.6 million, the relatively inexpensive "Lone Survivor," starring Mark Wahlberg, will soon cross the \$100 million mark.

"I, Frankenstein" had a sizable budget, estimated at \$65 million, yet opened with just \$8.3 million. Starring a beefed-up Aaron Eckhart as Mary Shelley's famous monster in a modern-day setting, the 3-D film wasn't screened for critics and came into the weekend with little buzz.

Two family films were third and fourth. The animated squirrel comedy "The Nut Job" made \$12.3 million in its second week. Disney's juggernaut "Frozen" added \$9 million for a 10-week domestic total of \$347.8 million.

## Cuaron, 'Gravity' get Directors Guild award

Alfonso Cuaron was awarded the top honor from the Directors Guild of America for "Gravity" on Saturday night, giving the lost-in-space saga a boost on the

journey to the Academy Awards.

In the 65-year history of the DGA awards, the winner has failed to also take home the best director Oscar just seven times. Ben Affleck, who presented Cuaron with his guild award, won the same accolade last year for "Argo" but was denied a best director nomination at the Oscars. However, like many DGA winners, "Argo" went on to win the best-picture prize at the Oscars.

## Other news

■ Eric Lawson, who portrayed the rugged **Marlboro man** in cigarette ads during the late 1970s, died Jan. 10. He was 72. Lawson died at his home in San Luis Obispo, Calif., of respiratory failure due to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD, his wife, Susan Lawson, said Sunday.

■ British police have decided not to investigate celebrity cook and author **Nigella Lawson** for admitting illegal drug use in a recent court case. The 53-year-old Lawson told a court in December that she had used cocaine a handful of times but was not a regular user. She was testifying in the fraud case of two former aides.

■ Jose Emilio Pacheco, widely regarded as one of Mexico's foremost poets and short story writers, died Sunday at age 74, the country's National Council for Culture and the Arts announced.

■ Kate DiCamillo's "Flora & Ulysses" has won the **John Newbery Medal** for the year's best work of children's literature. Brianna Holwa won the **Ruth Sasaki Caldecott Medal** for her illustrations in "Locomotive." The awards, the most prestigious in children's publishing, were announced Monday by the American Library Association.

## Jury sides with Love in Twitter trial

The Associated Press

A jury on Friday rejected a defamation case against Courtney Love over a Twitter post that suggested one of her attorneys had been "bought off" for not pursuing a lawsuit over her late husband's estate.

The verdict came after roughly three hours of deliberation in a case that spanned eight days and focused on the Hole frontwoman's postings on the social networking site. The case centered on one post in 2010.

Love had hired San Diego attorney Rhonda Holmes to file a fraud case against the estate of her late husband, Nirvana frontman Kurt Cobain. The lawyer contended during the trial that she was fired by Love and that the tweet and other statements the singer made against her have

caused her substantial damage.

Love's tweet stated, "I was (explicitly) devastated when Rhonda J Holmes Esq of san diego was bought off" in response to a question from user of the popular social media site.

The message was never meant to be public, Love told jurors. She said she meant for it to be sent as a direct message, which only the recipient would see, but it instead went public and was quickly deleted.

While the case was billed as the first "Twitter" trial in which Twitter and libel law intersected, one of Love's attorneys, John Lawrence, said it was tried by the same rules as traditional defamation cases.

Jurors determined that Love's tweet included false information, but the musician didn't know it wasn't true.

Langberg said that while his client was disappointed with the verdict, her reputation was upheld and the world now knows that Love's statements were false.



Love

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Wealth gap: What it is, why it matters

By Christopher S. Rugaber  
and Josh Boak  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — From the White House to the Vatican to the business elite in Davos, Switzerland, one issue keeps seizing the agenda: the growing gap between the very wealthy and everyone else.

It's "the defining challenge of our time," said President Barack Obama, who will spotlight the issue in his State of the Union address Tuesday night. A Gallup poll finds two-thirds of Americans are unhappy with the nation's distribution of wealth. Experts say it may be slowing the economy.

Why has the issue suddenly galvanized attention? Here are questions and answers about the wealth gap — what it is and why it matters.

**Hasn't there always been a wealth gap between the richest people and the poorest?**

Yes. What's new is the widen-

ing gap between the wealthiest and everyone else. Three decades ago, Americans' income tended to grow at roughly similar rates, no matter how much you made. But since roughly 1980, income has grown most for the top earners. For the poorest 20 percent of families, it's dropped. Incomes for the highest-earning 1 percent of Americans soared 31 percent from 2009 through 2012, after adjusting for inflation, according to data compiled by Emmanuel Saez, an economist at University of California, Berkeley. For the rest of us, it inched up an average of 0.4 percent. In 17 of 22 developed countries, income disparity widened in the past two decades, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

**So who are the top 1 percent in income?**

They're bankers, lawyers, hedge fund managers, founders of successful companies, entertainers, senior managers and others. One trend: Corporate

executives, doctors and farmers made up smaller shares of the top 1 percent in 2005 than in 1979. By contrast, the proportion of the wealthiest who work in the financial and real estate industries has doubled. The top 1 percent earned at least \$394,000 in 2012. Through most of the post-World War II era, the top 1 percent earned about 10 percent of all income. By 2007, that figure had jumped to 23.5 percent, the most since 1928. As of 2012, it was 22.5 percent.

**How has the middle class fared?**

Not well. Median household income peaked in 1999 at \$56,080, adjusted for inflation. It fell to \$51,017 by 2012. The percentage of American households with income within 50 percent of the median — one way of measuring the middle class — fell from 50 percent in 1970 to 42 percent in 2010.

**Does it matter if some people are much richer than others?**

Most economists say some inequality is needed to reward hard

work, talent and innovation. But a wealth gap that's too wide is usually unhealthy. It can slow economic growth, in part because richer Americans save more of their income than do others. Pay concentrated at the top is less likely to be spent.

**What do experts say is the best way to shrink the wealth gap?**

Most ideas break down along political lines. Liberal economists tend to support a higher minimum wage, greater access to preschool and college education and more spending on roads, bridges and other infrastructure to help generate good-paying jobs. Most favor higher taxes on the wealthy to pay for such programs.

Conservatives tend to back cuts, government deregulation and other steps they say will accelerate hiring and growth and raise living standards for everyone. They tend to focus on the need to advance income mobility.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Jan. 28)	\$1.4037
Dollar buys (Jan. 28)	€0.7129
British pound (Jan. 28)	\$1.70
Japanese yen (Jan. 28)	99.00
South Korean won (Jan. 28)	1,057.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3769
British pound	\$1.6585/0.6030
Canada (dollar)	1.1048
China (Yuan)	0.6480
Denmark (Krone)	2.584
Egypt (Pound)	0.6463
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.3667/0.7317
Hungary (Forint)	223.56
Israel (Shekel)	3.4879
Japan (Yen)	102.64
Norway (Krone)	0.2824
Philippines (Peso)	45.38
Poland (Zloty)	3.108
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7506
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2762
South Korea (Won)	1,079.78
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8955
Thailand (Baht)	32.90
Turkey (New Lira)	2.3110

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchases for reference when buying currency, all figures are foreign currencies to the dollar, except for the euro, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	4.25
Federal funds market rate	0.07
3-month bill	0.04
30-year bond	3.64

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



## Tuesday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Tex	39	15	Pdly	Chatanooga	25	12	Cldy	Fort Wayne	-2	-17	Cldy	Louisville	12	-2	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	51	12	Cir	Cheyenne	23	2	Pdly	Fresno	70	42	Pdly	Lubbock	34	11	Pdly
Albany, N.Y.	17	5	Pdly	Cincinnati	33	22	Cldy	Goodland	29	5	Pdly	Macon	36	32	Cldy
Albuquerque	51	28	Cir	Chicago	-1	-19	Cir	Grand Junction	34	12	Cir	Madison	31	19	Cir
Allentown, Pa.	16	1	Cir	Cleveland	1	-6	Cir	Great Rapids	7	-5	Snow	Medford	56	40	Rain
Anchorage	39	32	Cir	Colorado Springs	27	7	Pdly	Green Bay	37	7	Pdly	Memphis	23	10	Pdly
Asheville	29	15	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	35	29	Snow	Greensboro, N.C.	27	17	Cldy	Miami Beach	80	65	Pdly
Atlanta	34	23	Cldy	Columbia, Ga.	36	29	Cldy	Harrisburg	13	8	Cir	Midland-Odessa	34	18	Pdly
Atlantic City	19	13	Pdly	Concord, N.H.	16	3	Pdly	Hartford	17	8	Cir	Milwaukee	-1	-15	Cir
Austin	78	63	Cldy	Corpus Christi	39	38	Cldy	Hellena	35	8	Pdly	Missoula	30	16	Cldy
Baltimore	17	4	Cldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	38	23	Cldy	Honolulu	76	63	Cldy	Mobile	32	22	Snow
Baton Rouge	32	27	Snow	Dayton	1	-13	Cir	Houston	32	28	Cldy	Montgomery	33	26	Cldy
Bilings	28	1	Cir	Daytona Beach	68	58	Cldy	Huntsville	23	13	Pdly	Nashville	19	7	Pdly
Birmingham	39	19	Cldy	Denver	26	4	Pdly	Indianapolis	4	-14	Cir	St. Petersburg	33	30	Snow
Bismarck	8	-14	Cir	Des Moines	13	-7	Cir	Jackson, Miss.	28	21	Snow	St. Thomas	84	74	Cir
Boise	56	22	Cir	Detroit	2	-10	Cir	Jacksonville	52	49	Rain	Salem, Ore.	49	39	Cldy
Boston	19	12	Cir	Duluth	8	-9	Cir	Janeau	38	33	Cldy	Salt Lake City	38	17	Pdly
Bridgeport	50	50	Cldy	El Paso	57	37	Pdly	Kansas City	22	-2	Cir	San Diego	36	16	Cldy
Brownsville	50	12	Cir	Elkins	5	8	Cir	Key West	67	67	Pdly	San Francisco	67	42	Cldy
Buffalo	4	-3	Cir	Erie	3	2	Cir	Knoxville	23	8	Cldy	San Jose	69	52	Cldy
Burlington, Vt.	6	-7	Cir	Eugene	48	37	Rain	Lake Charles	33	28	Cldy	San Jose	67	42	Cldy
Caribou, Maine	21	-5	Cir	Evansville	12	3	Cir	Lansing	-11	-11	Cir	Santa Fe	43	20	Pdly
Charleston, S.C.	36	36	Snow	Fairbanks	27	14	Cldy	Las Vegas	67	43	Pdly	St. Marie	6	-8	Snow
Charleston, W.Va.	12	0	Pdly	Fargo	4	-26	Cir	Lexington	10	-6	Cir	Savannah	41	41	Snow
Charlotte, N.C.	34	22	Cldy	Flagstaff	50	20	Pdly	Lincoln	21	-7	Cir	Seattle	50	42	Cldy
Chicago, Ill.	34	22	Cldy	Fort Smith	6	-9	Cir	Little Rock	28	17	Cldy	Shreveport	34	22	Cldy
Cincinnati, Ohio	33	22	Cldy	Fort Worth	38	23	Cldy	Los Angeles	75	53	Pdly	Spartanburg, S.C.	34	22	Cldy
Cleveland, Ohio	1	-6	Cir	Fresno	70	42	Pdly	Los Angeles	75	53	Pdly	St. Louis	34	22	Cldy
Columbia, S.C.	35	29	Snow	Goodland	29	5	Pdly	Los Angeles	75	53	Pdly	Tampa	34	22	Cldy
Columbia, Ga.	36	29	Cldy	Harrisburg	13	8	Cir	Los Angeles	75	53	Pdly	Tulsa	52	25	Cldy
Concord, N.H.	16	3	Pdly	Hellena	35	8	Pdly	Los Angeles	75	53	Pdly	Tulsa	52	25	Cldy
Corpus Christi	39	38	Cldy	Honolulu	76	63	Cldy	Los Angeles	75	53	Pdly	Tulsa	52	25	Cldy
Dallas-Ft. Worth	38	23	Cldy	Houston	32	28	Cldy	Los Angeles	75	53	Pdly	Tulsa	52	25	Cldy
Dayton	1	-13	Cir	Huntsville	23	13	Pdly	Los Angeles	75	53	Pdly	Tulsa	52	25	Cldy
Daytona Beach	68	58	Cldy	Indianapolis	4	-14	Cir	Los Angeles	75	53	Pdly	Tulsa	52	25	Cldy
Denver	26	4	Pdly	Jackson, Miss.	28	21	Snow	Los Angeles	75	53	Pdly	Tulsa	52	25	Cldy
Des Moines	13	-7	Cir	Jacksonville	52	49	Rain	Los Angeles	75	53	Pdly	Tulsa	52	25	Cldy
Detroit	2	-10	Cir	Janeau	38	33	Cldy	Los Angeles	75	53	Pdly	Tulsa	52	25	Cldy
Duluth	8	-9	Cir	Kansas City	22	-2	Cir	Los Angeles	75	53	Pdly	Tulsa	52	25	Cldy
El Paso	57	37	Pdly	Key West	67	67	Pdly	Los Angeles	75	53	Pdly	Tulsa	52	25	Cldy
Elkins	5	8	Cir	Knoxville	23	8	Cldy	Los Angeles	75	53	Pdly	Tulsa	52	25	Cldy
Erie	3	2	Cir	Lake Charles	33	28	Cldy	Los Angeles	75	53	Pdly	Tulsa	52	25	Cldy
Eugene	48	37	Rain	Lansing	-11	-11	Cir	Los Angeles	75	53	Pdly	Tulsa	52	25	Cldy
Evansville	12	3	Cir	Las Vegas	67	43	Pdly	Los Angeles	75	53	Pdly	Tulsa	52	25	Cldy
Fairbanks	27	14	Cldy	Lexington	10	-6	Cir	Los Angeles	75	53	Pdly	Tulsa	52	25	Cldy
Fargo	4	-26	Cir	Lincoln	21	-7	Cir	Los Angeles	75	53	Pdly	Tulsa	52	25	Cldy
Flagstaff	50	20	Pdly	Little Rock	28	17	Cldy	Los Angeles	75	53	Pdly	Tulsa	52	25	Cldy
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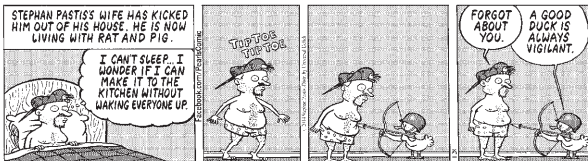
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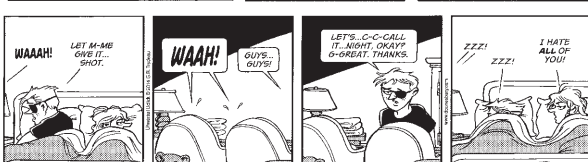
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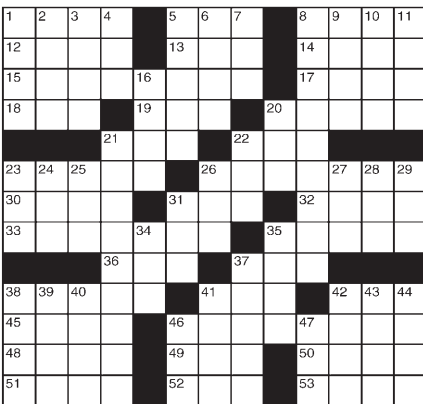
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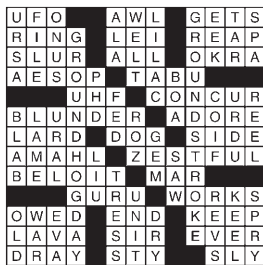
### ACROSS

- 1 Wound cover
- 5 Rock concert need
- 8 Quite enthusiastic
- 12 Car
- 13 "Gosh!"
- 14 Exceeding
- 15 Sound of hunger, maybe
- 17 Tempo
- 18 Heidi's peak
- 19 Moreover
- 20 Repentant
- 21 Trot
- 22 Tend the lawn
- 23 All the toppings, with "the"
- 26 Like aspic
- 30 Hebrew month
- 31 What couch potatoes do

### DOWN

- 52 CBS logo
- 53 Social engagement
- 23 daughter
- 24 Bankroll
- 25 Praise in verse
- 25 Aries
- 26 Clamptett patriarch
- 27 Altar affirmative
- 28 Shade provider
- 29 Coloring agent
- 31 Irritate
- 34 Scot's chapeau
- 35 Got bigger
- 37 Run off to say
- 27-Down
- 38 Create a furrow
- 39 Pop
- 40 Related
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## Skiing

## Men's World Cup

**At Kitzbühel, Austria**  
**Super-G**  
1. Didier Deflaid, Switzerland, 1:10.38.  
2. Bode Miller, United States, 1:11.22.  
3. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 1:10.53.  
4. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 1:10.53.  
5. Johan Clarey, France, 1:10.57.  
6. Travis Ganong, U.S., 1:10.68.  
7. Carlo J. Rinaldi, Switzerland, 1:10.73.  
8. Adrien Theaux, France, 1:10.74.  
10. Markus Dierauer, Austria, 1:10.79.  
**Also**  
12. Steven Nyman, U.S., 1:11.18.  
13. Andrew Weibrecht, U.S., 1:11.22.  
14. Ted Ligety, United States, 1:11.32.  
15. J. B. Whitham, U.S., 1:11.35.  
16. Marco Sullivan, U.S., 1:11.57.  
20. Tim Loretto, United States, 1:11.76.  
21. Fischer, United States, 1:11.83.  
73. Mark Eng, United States, 1:12.92.  
74. Tim Lonnert, U.S., 1:13.29.  
**Super-Combined**  
(Super-ski and bobsledding)  
1. Alexis Pinturault, France, 2:02.79  
(1:10.17 51.72).  
2. Andrew Weibrecht, U.S., 2:03.23  
(1:11.32 51.91).  
3. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 2:04.26  
(1:11.56 52.70).  
4. Sandro Vailati, Switzerland, 2:04.58  
(1:11.53 53.04).  
11. Jared Goldberg, United States, 2:05.43  
(1:11.33 54.10).  
12. Andrew Weibrecht, U.S., 2:06.12  
(1:11.76 54.36).  
13. Andrew Weibrecht, United States, 2:07.65  
(1:12.56 55.09).  
31. Steven Nyman, United States, 2:10.49  
(1:12.57 57.92).  
32. Bruce Bennett, United States, 2:10.49  
(1:12.57 57.92).  
**World Cup Super-G Standings**  
1. Aksel Svindal, Norway, 296 points.  
2. Didier Deflaid, Switzerland, 162.  
3. Carlo J. Rinaldi, Switzerland, 143.  
4. Bode Miller, United States, 138.  
5. Othmar Stridinger, Austria, 134.  
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19. Travis Ganong, United States, 45.  
22. Ted Ligety, United States, 45.  
23. Andrew Weibrecht, U.S., 23.  
39. Steven Nyman, United States, 9.  
41. Fischer, United States, 9.  
**World Cup Combined Standings**  
(After two events)  
1. Ted Ligety, United States, 180.  
2. Alexis Pinturault, France, 180.  
3. Andrew Weibrecht, U.S., 163.  
4. Sandro Vailati, Switzerland, 86.  
5. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 82.  
15. Jared Goldberg, United States, 35.  
16. Bode Miller, United States, 29.  
19. Tim Loretto, United States, 29.  
20. Andrew Weibrecht, U.S., 23.  
**Overall World Cup Standings**  
(After 2 events)  
1. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 897.  
2. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 897.  
3. Alexis Pinturault, France, 669.  
4. Carlo J. Rinaldi, Switzerland, 496.  
5. Felix Neureuther, Germany, 491.  
6. Hannes Reichelt, Austria, 476.  
7. Bode Miller, United States, 469.  
8. Sandro Vailati, Switzerland, 469.  
10. Michael Barmann, Austria, 469.  
11. Jared Goldberg, United States, 35.  
12. Steven Nyman, United States, 29.  
13. Tim Loretto, United States, 29.  
14. Andrew Weibrecht, U.S., 23.  
15. J. B. Whitham, U.S., 23.  
16. Marco Sullivan, U.S., 23.  
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**Women's World Cup Super-G**  
**At Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy**  
1. Lara Gut, Switzerland, 1:27.81.  
2. Elisabeth Weirather, Austria, 1:27.93.  
3. Maria Hoefl-Riesch, Germany, 1:28.42.  
**Also**  
13. Stacy Cook, U.S., 1:29.35.  
14. Julia Mancuso, U.S., 1:30.18.  
15. Jacqueline Wiles, U.S., 1:31.18.  
16. Leanne Smith, U.S., 1:31.32.  
17. Courtney Ross, U.S., 1:31.38.  
18. Julia Ford, U.S., did not finish.  
19. Lara Gut, Switzerland, 1:31.38.  
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3. Anna Fenninger, Austria, 877.  
4. Courtney Ross, U.S., 877.  
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## College basketball

## Men's AP Top 25 fared

**Sunday**  
1. Arizona (20) beat Utah 65-56. Next: at Wake Forest, Wednesday.  
2. Wake Forest (19-0) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Wednesday.  
3. Michigan State (18-2) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Iowa, Tuesday.  
4. Virginia Tech (17-2) did not play. Next: at Georgetown, Monday.  
5. Virginia State (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Loyola of Chicago, Tuesday.  
6. Florida (17-2) did not play. Next: at Mississippi State, Thursday.  
7. San Diego State (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado, Tuesday.  
8. Kansas (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Wednesday.  
9. Wisconsin (17-3) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Wednesday.  
10. Iowa (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Michigan State, Tuesday.  
11. Oklahoma State (16-3) did not play. Next: at No. 25 Oklahoma, Monday.  
12. Louisville (17-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 Cincinnati, Thursday.  
13. UMass (17-2) beat Fordham 90-52. Next: at St. Bonaventure, Wednesday.  
14. Kentucky (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Cincinnati, Monday.  
15. Cincinnati (19-2) beat Temple 80-76. Next: at No. 10 Louisville, Thursday.  
16. Iowa State (15-3) did not play. Next: at No. 8 Kansas, Wednesday.  
17. Ohio State (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. Penn State, Wednesday.  
18. Virginia Tech (17-2) did not play. Next: at No. 20 Pittsburgh, Monday.  
19. St. Louis (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Richmond, Wednesday.  
20. Pittsburgh (18-2) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Thursday.  
21. Michigan (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Penn State, Thursday.  
22. Kansas State (14-6) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas, Monday.  
23. Memphis (15-4) beat South Florida 80-58. Next: at UCF, Wednesday.  
24. South Florida (13-1) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Tuesday.  
25. West Virginia (13-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 11 Oklahoma State, Monday.

## Saturday's men's scores

**EAST**  
Caniusius 78, Marist 65.  
Ohio State 80, Temple 76.  
Harvard 80, Dartmouth 50.  
Saint Joseph's 67, Marist 65.  
NYU 78, Rochester 58.  
New Hampshire 61, Mass.-Lowell 32.  
Virginia Tech 78, Virginia Tech 78.  
Quinnipiac 90, Manhattan 86.  
St. Louis 78, Monmouth 71.  
Sienna 64, Fairfield 56.  
St. Louis 78, Maine 61.  
UMass 90, Fordham 52.  
Vermont 72, Binghamton 39.  
**SOUTH**  
Cincinnati 81, Berry 73.  
Memphis 80, South Florida 58.  
NC State 80, Georgia Tech 78.  
North Carolina 80, Clemson 61.  
Alabama at Indiana Tech, p.pd.  
Green Bay 62, Detroit 52.  
**WEST**  
Indiana-East 89, St. Louis Pharmacy 74.  
Nebraska 82, Minnesota 78.  
Idaho 81, Kent St. 78.  
North Carolina 82, Ball St. 53.  
**SOUTHWEST**  
SMU 75, Texas Tech 68.  
Oregon 75, Utah 56.  
Washington St. 77, Washington St. 77.  
Stanford 79, Southern Cal 71.  
UT Dallas 68, California 68.

## Sunday's women's scores

**Sunday**  
1. UConn (20-1) beat South Florida 81-53. Next: at Temple, Tuesday.  
2. North Carolina (20-0) did not play. Next: at No. 6 Maryland, Monday.  
3. Stanford (18-1) did not play. Next: at Virginia Tech, Tuesday.  
4. Louisville (20-2) beat Memphis 88-61. Next: at Washington, Tuesday.  
6. Maryland (16-1) did not play. Next: at Miami, Thursday.

## Bobsled

## World Cup

**Sunday**  
At Koenigssee, Germany  
1. United States (Stefan Holm, Curtis Tomassiewicz, Steven Langston, Christopher Goff), 1:38.54 (49:27.57).  
2. Switzerland (Heidi Heftl, Alex Baumann, Jorg Lindner, Thomas Amrhein), 1:38.85 (49:29.56).  
3. Canada (Lyndy Erhard, Lascelles Brown, Chris Bissler, Andrew Newell), 1:38.84 (49:27.57).  
4. Germany (Thomas Florschuetz, Janis Baecker, Martin Grothkop, Christian Popp), 1:38.85 (49:27.57).  
5. United States (Cunningham, Abrahams, Quinlan, Quinlan, Abrahams), 1:39.21 (49:44:49.57).  
**Final World Cup Standings**  
1. Maximilian Arndt, Germany, 1,574.  
2. Steven Holcomb, U.S., 1,514.  
3. Thomas Florschuetz, Germany, 1,400.  
4. Chris Spring, Canada, 1,400.  
5. Alexander Klien, Austria, 1,292.  
6. Oskars Melbards, Daumants Dauderts, Latvia, 1,169.  
7. Lyndon Rupp, Canada, 1,158.  
8. Justin Kripps, Canada, 1,144.  
9. Cory Butner, United States, 568.

vs. No. 2 Notre Dame, Monday.  
7. North Carolina (17-3) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse, Thursday.  
8. Oklahoma State (17-2) lost to No. 12 Baylor 69-66. OT. Next: at TCU, Wednesday.  
9. Kentucky (16-4) beat Arkansas 68-59. Next: at Georgia Tech, Thursday.  
10. South Carolina (18-2) beat No. 16 Wake Forest 61-57. Next: at Mississippi State, Thursday.  
11. Tennessee (16-4) beat No. 17 Texas A&M 76-55. Next: vs. Arkansas, Thursday.  
12. Baylor (16-3) beat No. 8 Oklahoma State 69-66. OT. Next:

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Scoring way up in new-look Big East

Physical, tough play no longer the norm

By JOE KAY

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Xavier hits four three-pointers for a 12-0 lead. Doug McDermott finds his long-range touch and gets started on a 35-point performance. Creighton's formidable offense is rolling in front of 17,589 fans in Omaha.

The Bluejays rally to take the lead and hold on for a 95-89 win on Jan. 12 that becomes a defining moment.

A Big East team scoring 95 points? In the old days, two teams might not combine for that many.

In a lot of ways and for a lot of reasons, it's a whole new Big East.

"To me, it's been like the perfect storm," Xavier coach Chris Mack said.

The rules have changed, and so have the teams. Seven holdovers plus newcomers Creighton, Butler and Xavier have given one of college basketball's most familiar leagues a new look and a far different identity. Those physical, grind-it-out games are no longer the norm. There's a big difference in the Big East.

"I like the direction it's going," Villanova coach Jay Wright said.

Through last season, the Big East could boast it had one of the best collections of teams in the nation and a distinct style that they favored. Big guys up front, big emphasis on defense and rebounding. And physical contact — lots of it. Scoring? Not so much.

In some ways, the Big East was Exhibit A for how the game had changed. Average points per game were down to 67.5 in Division I last season — the lowest total since 1951-52.

The NCAA cracked down on hand checking and cleaned up some of the contact under the basket this season, hoping to open up the floor. It's working so far. Scoring in Division I is up 4.8 points per game this season, currently at 72.3 points per game, according to STATS LLC.

It's even more pronounced in the Big East, where scoring is up from 64.2 points in conference games last season to 73 this season — almost 9 points per game. Field goal percentages have jumped from 41.8 percent to 44.1 percent, according to STATS.

Last season, only one Big East team averaged 70 points per game. Creighton, Louisville, which is in the AAC with Cincinnati. This season, six Big East teams are scoring that many, with two others averaging 69 points per game.

A big part of it is the new cast of teams. Gone are four of the top five defensive teams from last season — Pittsburgh, Louisville, Cincinnati and Syracuse. Inter-

## By the numbers

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Average points per game in Division I last season, lowest since 1951-52. Scoring is up 4.8 ppg this season, at 72.3.

Average ppg in the Big East last season. Scoring is up to 73 this year, and field goal percentages are up to 44.1 from 41.8.

Big East teams that scored least 70 ppg last year. This season, six teams are scoring that many, with two more averaging 69.

SOURCE: The Associated Press; STATS, Inc.



AJ MAST/AP

St. John's coach Steve Lavin has noticed a change in the way games are played in the Big East this season, but doesn't think the conference's traditional powers are abandoning defense just yet.

**"There is a real diversity in styles of play, and teams are winning in different manners."**

Steve Lavin

St. John's coach



LAURENCE KESTERSON/AP

Creighton's Ethan Wragge is the best three-point shooter in the nation, and he showed why when he dropped nine of the Bluejays' Big East-record 21 threes in a thrashing of Villanova last Monday.

estingly, when Cincinnati met Pittsburgh in New York on Dec. 17 for what was now a nonconference game, the Bearcats notched an old-style 44-43 win.

The league's three newcomers have injected a new style as well. Creighton's McDermott is among the nation's leading scorers, averaging 24.8 points. The Bluejays lead the nation in three-point shooting. None of this grind-it-out-inside stuff for them.

"We're new to this league and we probably don't look the best on paper," Creighton senior forward Ethan Wragge said. "We're

kind of short. We're not going and wind-milling during warm-ups."

Xavier is a well-balanced team that likes to push the pace on offense. Butler is struggling the most of the three newbies, but the Bulldogs aren't a slouch when it comes to scoring. "There's a real diversity of styles of play," St. John's coach Steve Lavin said. "And teams are winning in different manners."

Which isn't to say that the Big East has turned into a shoot-away league. The seven holdover teams — DePaul, Georgetown, Marquette, Providence, St. John's, Seton Hall and Villanova

— have rosters built to handle the old style of play.

Xavier forward Justin Martin said Big East games have been much tougher physically than the ones the Musketeers played in the Atlantic 10. During Xavier's 86-79 win over Marquette on Jan. 9, the referees allowed a lot of contact under the basket.

"I think the referees are starting to scale back a little bit," Martin said. "They'll call the obvious fouls, but they're letting guys play a lot more than they were in nonconference. I think a few other places can attest to that."

"It's definitely physical. I think it's going to get more physical come conference tournament time and NCAA tournament time."

Coaches think it will take a few seasons for the Big East to develop a new identity. Teams will get more familiar with the new rules and with one another and figure out ways to hold each other down.

"We're just in the beginning stages of figuring out what the identity of this conference will be," Mack said.

AP Sports Writer Eric Olson in Omaha contributed to this report.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL



MICHAEL PEREZ/AP

Cincinnati's Sean Kilpatrick hit a pair of free throws with 7.2 seconds remaining on Sunday to give the Bearcats a 80-76 win over Temple in Philadelphia.

## Bearcats improve to 8-0 in AAC play

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Sean Kilpatrick hadn't scored in over 13 minutes and No. 15 Cincinnati had just blown every bit of a 19-point second-half lead against Temple.

"I was just trying to get fouled," he said. "The time was running down, they switched the pick and roll and the big man was on me. I just drove at him."

The big man was Anthony Lee, who picked up his fifth foul after catching Kilpatrick on the arm with 7.2 seconds remaining. Kilpatrick went to the line and promptly ended his scoring drought by making the game-winning free throws.

Kilpatrick finished with a season-high 29 points and the Bearcats (19-2, 8-0 AAC) staved off a Temple comeback to remain undefeated in the American Athletic Conference with an 80-76 victory Sunday.

"At no point was I confident the game was over," Cincinnati coach Mick Cronin said. "I was concerned the whole time."

Temple's Dalton Pepper is the one who caused that concern. Pepper had a career-high 33 points, including the three that tied the game at 76 with 36.9 seconds left, for the Owls (5-13, 0-7), who have lost eight straight.

He scored 27 points in the second half, including eight threes, and brought Temple all the way back from the 19-point deficit.

"He was a superstar in the second half," Temple coach Fran Dunphy said. "We probably should have looked for him a couple more times toward the latter part of the game."

The Bearcats are off to their best start since 2001-02 and their best start in league play since they went 8-0 in Conference USA that same season.

## AP Top 25 roundup

The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Nick Johnson scored 22 points and Aaron Gordon provided a huge boost despite a rough shooting night, helping top-ranked Arizona pull away from Utah 65-56 Sunday for its school-record 20th straight win.

Arizona (20-0, 7-0 Pac-12) struggled early in both halves before Gordon made key plays with his hustle during a deciding second-half run. He finished with 10 points on 3 of 13 shooting and grabbed 12 rebounds.

The Wildcats offset a 3-for-14

night from three-point range with 20 offensive rebounds that led to 19 second-chance points.

Utah (14-6, 3-5) kept it close before wearing down in the closing minutes, unable to keep the athletic Wildcats off the glass or from scoring inside to remain winless on the road.

Delon Wright had 19 points and Jordan Loveridge added 13 for the Utes, who were outscored 40-29 and outscored 38-24 in the paint.

**No. 13 Massachusetts 90, Fordham 52:** Chaz Williams had 18 points and eight assists and

host Massachusetts rebounded from a loss earlier this week.

Raphael Putney and Trey Davis both had 13 points and Maxie Esho had 10 points and six rebounds for the Minutemen (17-2, 4-1 Atlantic-10), who lost at Richmond on Wednesday.

Chris Whitehead led the Rams (8-11, 1-5) with 13 points. It was Fordham's seventh loss in eight games coming off a win against George Mason.

Fordham guard Jon Severe, who leads all Division I freshmen in scoring at 20.9 points per game, was held to seven points.

**No. 23 Memphis 80, South Florida 58:** Chris Crawford scored 15 points and converted five of host Memphis' season-high 10 three-pointers in the win over South Florida (10-10, 1-6 AAC).

The Tigers, next-to-last in the American Athletic Conference in three-point shooting (30 percent), finished 10 of 22 from outside the arc. Crawford was 5 of 10.

Joe Jackson added 14 points and seven assists for Memphis (15-4, 5-2), while Shaq Goodwin finished with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Nick King had 10 points as Memphis won its third straight.



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## OLYMPICS

# Skier Miller earns spot for fifth Games

By PAT GRAHAM  
The Associated Press

There were really no surprises when the U.S. Ski Team announced its squad for the Sochi Olympics: Mikaela Shiffrin was on the list and, of course, Lindsey Vonn was not.

Five-time Olympic medalist Bode Miller made his fifth squad on Sunday, while 2006 Olympic gold medalists Ted Ligety and Julia Mancuso also earned spots. In all, the Americans had nine women and 11 men on the team.

Shiffrin could be the headliner in Russia, especially with Vonn, the reigning Olympic downhill champion for a few more weeks, staying home to recuperate following another operation on her right knee.

The 18-year-old Shiffrin is having quite a season, too, winning three World Cup slalom races. She will be heavily counted on to help the Americans try to top their record eight-medal haul in Vancouver four years ago.

Too much pressure for someone so young?

"I'm not worried about the Olympics, that it's going to overwhelm her," U.S. women's coach Alex Hoedtmoser said. "There's nothing else she wants right now except success. It was no different than when Lindsey was her age. She was the same way."

Vonn was trying to get back to the slopes in time for the Sochi Winter Olympics in her knee during a high-speed crash at the world championships last February. She was ahead of schedule, too, before re-injuring her surgically repaired ACL in a crash during training in November.

Undeterred, Vonn rested the knee and still hoped to make it back, but sprained her MCL racing a downhill in France on Dec. 21. She later decided to undergo another surgery.

Losing Vonn has been a big jolt to the team. Not only because she's a four-time overall World Cup champion and has won 59 races on the circuit, but because the U.S. speed team members use her to measure their progress. She's their most dynamic training partner and when she missed most of the early season preparation period to rehab her knee, it may have contributed to the team's slow start this season.

"The other athletes didn't really have the pace that they usually have with Lindsey," Hoedtmoser explained. "Lindsey is always there in training and shows some incredible speed and you know when you train with her and you're close, that you're probably going to be close to being on the podium."

But they're picking up steam with Sochi drawing near.

Mancuso definitely feels ready after finishing seventh over the weekend in a downhill in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.

"This puts me in a good spot for the Olympics," said Mancuso, who captured two silver medals in Vancouver.

Same with Stacey Cook, who finished tied for fifth in Cortina.

"You can believe that you're skiing well for a long time but until there are results you don't have that next level of confidence, and I think I have that now," said Cook, who made her third Olympic squad. "It's good timing."

Miller is rounding back into form as well, taking second during a super-G race in Kitzbühel, Austria, on Sunday. Miller was away from competition for 20 months as he recovered from micro-fracture surgery on his left knee. It's an injury that could've ended his career, but he will be in the starting gates in Russia, with the intention of skiing numerous events. He's coming off his most successful Olympics, winning a medal of every color in Vancouver.



GIOVANNI AULETTA/AP

**Bode Miller was named to his fifth Olympic team on Sunday after finishing second in a World Cup super-G race in Kitzbühel, Austria.**

"I don't think Bode ever doubted that he'd be at this point right now and I don't think he ever contemplated that he would stop before this," said Luke Bodensteiner, the executive vice president of the U.S. Ski and Snowboarding Association. "We believed in him and believed he could make an effective return from his injury. I think Bode is very cognizant of stature, very cognizant of the legacy he wants to leave and he's got some unfinished business and really wants to see this through."

Other members of the team on the men's

side include: David Chodounsky, Erik Fisher, Travis Ganong, Jared Goldberg, Tim Jitloff, Nolan Kasper, Steven Nyman, Marco Sullivan and Andrew Weibrecht, who won a bronze medal in Vancouver.

On the women's side, the team also includes: Julia Ford, Megan McJames, Laurence Ross, Leanne Smith, Resi Stiegler, and Jacqueline Wiles.

"We're on a really good track right now," Alpine director Patrick Rimm said. "I feel really comfortable with this team going into the Games."

# US sliders ready to build on World Cup success

By TIM REYNOLDS  
The Associated Press

With 18 gold medals this winter, the U.S. sliding teams clearly know the way to the podium.

And now the biggest stage in sliding awaits.

The World Cup seasons in bobsled, skeleton and luge ended on Sunday, and the Americans wrapped them up with quite the medal haul. In bobsled and skeleton, the U.S. teams won 38 medals, more than any two nations combined. And Kate Hansen's victory on Saturday was the first for any U.S. Luge singles slider since 1997.

Next up: The Sochi Olympics, which this whole season has been pointed toward. It would seem like American confidence isn't in short supply, either.

"The momentum we're building heading into the Olympics is incredible," bobsledder Steven Holcomb said Sunday, not long after wrapping up the World Cup men's overall driving title. "My team has worked so hard and sled



ROMAN KOSAROV, F64/AP

**Kate Hansen earned the first World Cup gold medal for any U.S. singles luger since 1997 with a victory on Sunday in Sigulda, Latvia.**

technician Jim Garde has been working day in and out making sure the sled does exactly what I need it to. We came out today and put it all together, and it feels great to end the season on this note."

Holcomb's final World Cup outing was a winning one, him teaming with Curt Tomasevich, Steve Langton and Chris Fogt to

win a four-man race in Germany on Sunday. That foursome will be a gold-medal favorite in Sochi, just as USA-1 was four years ago when Holcomb drove the red, white and blue to gold at the Vancouver Olympics.

"We're right where we want to be going into Sochi," Holcomb said.

He was talking about his team. It can be said about pretty much all of the U.S. sliders.

In bobsledding, six different drivers won medals for the U.S. this winter, and all six of them are going to Sochi. Elana Meyers won seven — two gold and five silvers — to lead all women's pilots, and now she'll look to add a driving medal to the bronze she won as a push athlete four years ago.

"At the end of the day we're sliding down a hill, and I can't think of anything better I'd rather be doing on a Sunday afternoon," said Meyers, who finished one point shy of Canada's Kaillie Humphries for the overall women's World Cup title this season.

"I'm having a blast."

Winning tends to bring that out.

In skeleton, Noelle Pikus-Pace won seven medals on the circuit this winter, tied with Latvia's Martins Dukurs and Britain's Lizzy Yarnold for the most by any individual slider in the headfirst sport.

And like Holcomb, Pikus-Pace — who will retire after Sochi — ended her World Cup season with a victory.

"What a way to go into Sochi," Pikus-Pace said. "Finishing the final World Cup with a win is definitely a confidence booster heading into the Olympics."

Germans dominated in luge, as usual, winning 50 World Cup medals. The rest of the world, combined, won 49 this winter.

American lugers won five medals, with Chris Mazdzer having a part in three of them. He won two silvers in men's singles, and was part of one silver-medal effort in a team relay, which is new to the Olympic program this winter.

Mazdzer finished the season

a career-best fifth in World Cup points, earning him a spot in the medal-hopeful conversation for Sochi.

"To be honest it's hard to summarize my season," Mazdzer said. "Before this season I only had one World Cup finish that was a top 10 and that was on my home track in Lake Placid. This year, to have five top 10s and two medals, I'm pumped about that. And to be ranked fifth overall is a huge honor. You have so many good guys out there."

And the best moment for USA Luge so far this year came Saturday. Hansen's victory came in a race where Germany's three Olympic-bound women's lugers — led by Natalie Geisenberger, who had seven golds and one silver in her eight starts this winter — sat out to focus solely on Sochi, so it wasn't exactly against the best possible field.

Still, it's a win. And it'll count. "There's more I could have done," Hansen said, "but I'm really stoked by it all."

## OLYMPICS

## Commentary

# Danger in Sochi, and the Games are on edge

By TIM DAHLBERG  
The Associated Press

The countdown to Sochi was supposed to be joyous, a celebration of all things Russian and the Olympics, too.

Instead it's been nothing but a grim reminder that Olympic officials had no idea what they were getting when they bought into Vladimir Putin's visions of surf and snow and handed him a Winter Olympics to call his own.

Every day seems to bring a new threat or another warning. Every day strains the nerves more, to the point where some athletes are telling family and friends it's not worth the risk to go, even for the most important moment of their lives.

Suicide bombings a few hundred miles away. Threats of more to come in Sochi itself. A hardened militant group nearby with an immense hatred of Putin and Russia and little regard for human life.

And a general uneasiness that no matter how many billions they've spent, the Russians really aren't ready for this at all.

If the latest news that three so-called "black widows" intent on carrying out suicide bombings are believed to already be in Sochi isn't enough to put a damper on the fun and games, consider this:

The same Islamic militants who assassinated the Russian-backed leader of Chechnya — the father of the current president — in 2004 have not only have declared their intention to attack the games but demonstrated with his death that they have the creativity and means to do just that.

"There is precedence to this," warned Lt. Col. Robert Schaefer, a Green Beret who literally wrote the book about the brutal conflict in the North Caucasus region. "It's important to think about how (Chechen president Ramzan) Kadyrov's father was killed at a stadium rally. During construction at the stadium they buried two 155 mm artillery shells in the concrete below the VIP bleachers. Then they waited until the elder Kadyrov attended and they detonated it."

Think about that as you watch the opening ceremonies unfold in all their grandeur on television. Or when Shaun White attempts some flips, and the worst thing that seems possible is that he wipes out at the top of the half pipe.



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

**Security personnel sit in the back of a truck outside the Fisht Olympic Stadium Monday in Sochi. No other Winter Games has faced such an acute terror threat.**

Yes, Olympics have been a target of terrorists ever since the 1972 massacre of Israeli team members in Munich. A lone wolf bombing in Atlanta killed one person in 1996, and the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City were clouded by fears of the 9/11 attacks that had taken place just months earlier.

But never have the threats seemed so real as they do in Putin's playground by the Black Sea, just on the other side of the mountains from an area steeped in blood and years of conflict that include two recent wars between Russia and Chechnya unmatched for the brutality on both sides.

Already, militants have claimed responsibility for two bombings that killed 34 people in a train station and on a bus in Volgograd, about 400 miles from Sochi. One of their top leaders has called for his followers to "do their utmost to derail" the games, describing them as "satanic dances on the bones of our ancestors."

These aren't people used to making idle boasts. They've been fighting Russians for generations and are blamed for some of the most savage terrorism attacks in recent years, including a Moscow theater takeover in 2002 that ended in 170 deaths and a school siege two years later in North

Caucasus where more than 300 died, many of them children, when Russian troops stormed the building.

And they roam not far from venues where the world's best ice and snow athletes will perform in front of television cameras beaming it all to hundreds of millions of people around the world.

"It doesn't take an expert to look at that region and say the Olympics will be such a large target that insurgents will not try to do something," said Schaefer, who will be in Sochi as a security analyst for NBC. "There has been an average of 10 to 15 attacks in North Caucasus every month in recent years. It's just now the press is paying more attention to it."

What was supposed to be a trouble-free Olympics built at a cost of \$12 billion is now a bloated Games costing more than \$50 billion — with one IOC official saying a third went to bribes, kickbacks and other corruption. Hundreds, if not thousands, of residents were displaced from their homes for Olympic construction, and an AP reporter just this month visited residents without running water and using outhouses less than 2 miles from the main Olympic cluster.

Add into that the uproar over Russia's

new anti-gay law, Putin's recent clumsy effort that seemed to equate gays with pedophiles, and the fact a third of the tickets have gone unsold as foreigners for the most part are staying away.

But it's the danger of terrorism that is most worrisome, despite an exclusion zone spreading out miles around Sochi and the tens of thousands of police, troops and other security personnel that will be on patrol in Sochi and the surrounding area.

Schaefer said one of his biggest concerns is that construction workers — many of them foreigners — could have taken bribes to look the other way while explosives were buried or caches of weapons stored in the frenzied buildup of facilities over the last few years. Another is that the railway bringing in almost all the spectators is a prime target stretching hundreds of miles that is incredibly hard to completely defend.

"The Russians are definitely pulling out all the stops," said Schaefer, author of the 2011 book "The Insurgency in Chechnya and the North Caucasus: From Gazavat to Jihad." "I have people in the country now saying they have roadblocks completely around Sochi four hours out and people are not getting in unless they demonstrate they have good reason. But we're talking about a committed group of people, and even the best security in the world may not be able to stop everything. We had great security at the Boston Marathon as well."

Ultimately, Schaefer said, the best chance these Games may have to be safe will be because of the same man who brought them to the doorstep of his vacation home in the area. Putin, he said, came to power because he was a strong figure at the time of the second Chechen war, and he wants to show in his second tenure as president that he has put down the rebellion.

"What could sell the world more than anything else is he's the guy who finally did what all Russian Czars couldn't — he tamed the Caucasus," he said. "You have a large Olympics and you pull it off without incident, then you demonstrate to everybody that I've beaten them."

The best hope for an Olympics that never should have been in Sochi is that this is one more time Putin gets what he wants.

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## NBA

## Scoreboard

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division		W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	22	21	51.2		
Brooklyn	22	22	47.6	1/2	
New York	20	27	36.6	5 1/2	
Boston	15	31	32.6	8 1/2	
Philadelphia	10	36	21.8	8 1/2	

Southeast Division		W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	12	22	7.27		
Atlanta	12	20	33.3	8 1/2	
Washington	21	22	48.8	10 1/2	
Charlotte	19	23	41.4	11 1/2	
Orlando	13	29	30.9	13 1/2	

Central Division		W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	4	20	9.79		
Chicago	22	21	51.2		
Memphis	17	27	38.6	5 1/2	
Cleveland	16	28	36.4	18 1/2	
Milwaukee	8	35	18.6	26	

## Western Conference

Southwest Division		W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	11	21	7.50		
Houston	29	17	63.0	5	
Dallas	20	26	43.3	2 1/2	
Memphis	20	26	52.4	10	
New Orleans	11	29	27.6	41 1/2	

Northwest Division		W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	35	10	77.8		
Portland	27	17	61.3	2 1/2	
Denver	21	23	51.2		
Utah	17	27	38.6	5 1/2	
Minneapolis	15	29	34.1	19 1/2	

Pacific Division		W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	27	18	60.0	3 1/2	
Los Angeles	22	23	48.8	8 1/2	
Lakers	20	26	35.6	14 1/2	
Sacramento	18	28	34.9	14 1/2	

Saturday's Games		W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago 89, Charlotte 87					
Los Angeles 126, Toronto 118					
Oklahoma City 103, Philadelphia 91					
Orlando 99, Houston 91					
Dallas 112, Milwaukee 87					
Denver 109, Indiana 96					
Utah 104, Washington 101					
Portland 115, Minnesota 104					

Sunday's Games		W	L	Pct	GB
Miami 113, San Antonio 101					
New York 110, L.A. Lakers 103					
San Antonio 100, Orlando 92					
Phoenix 99, Cleveland 90					
Brooklyn 98, Boston 90					
Dallas 116, Detroit 106					
San Antonio 103, Portland 98					
Denver 125, Sacramento 117					

Monday's Games		W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix at Brooklyn					
Portland at Chicago					
Atlanta at Oklahoma City					
L.A. Clippers at Milwaukee					
Warriors at Golden State					

Tuesday's Games		W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio at New York					
San Antonio at Houston					
Memphis at Portland					
Warriors at Golden State					
Indiana at L.A. Lakers					

Wednesday's Games		W	L	Pct	GB
Portland at Brooklyn					
San Antonio at New York					
San Antonio at Houston					
Memphis at Portland					
Warriors at Golden State					
Indiana at L.A. Lakers					

Thursday's Games		W	L	Pct	GB
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**Miami Heat players Michael Beasley (8) and Chris Andersen (11) block a shot attempted by San Antonio Spurs' Manu Ginobili (20) in the first half of Sunday's game in Miami. The Heat won 113-101.**

## Knicks 101, Lakers 103

**L.A. LAKERS** — Young 5-11 34 13, Kelly 2-0 0-5, Gasol 15-8 4-20, Marshall 5-10 2-12, Meeks 8-13 2-24, Johnson 3-8 0-6, Harris 6-9 4-18, Hill 2-3 1-2 5, Sacre 0-3 0-0 6, Totals 39-75 14-18 102.

**NEW YORK** — Shumpert 2-7 0-5, Smith 10-21 3-15 6, Chandler 5-11 3-13, Felton 8-10 2-20, Prigioni 0-3 0-0, Anthony 7-12 10-18, Tyler 2-0 1-2, Totals 43-90 13-18 110.

**L.A. Lakers** — 25 22 34 22-103  
**New York** — 22 29 32 27-110  
Three-point Goals—L.A. Lakers 11-23 (Meeks 6-8, Harris 2-3, Marshall 2-5, Kelly 1-1, Young 0-2, Johnson 0-4), New York 11-26 (Hardaway Jr. 4-5, Felton 2-2, Smith 2-4, Anthony 2-7, Shumpert 1-5, Prigioni 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 40 (Gasol 13), New York 32 (Chandler 14). Assists—L.A. Lakers 16 (Marshall 5), New York 21 (Anthony, Felton 5). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 20, New York 19. A—15,812 (15,763).

**Mavericks 116, Pistons 106**  
**Pistons 106** — Smith 10-20 2-15, Monroe 9-13 2-24 0-20, Drummond 2-5 0-2 4, Jennings 10-18 4-8 26, Caldwell-Pope 4-7 0-1 9, Singler 4-11 0-0 5, Stuckey 3-11 5-6 11, Harrellson 1-2 0-2 0, Mitchell 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 49-91 16-28 106.

**DALLAS** — Marion 4-9 0-0 0, Nowitzki 16-15 5-28, Dalember 3-6 2-6, Calderon 4-7 2-2 17, Ellis 4-9 3-11, Carter 4-8 4-6 13, Blair 4-9 2-9, Wright 2-2 4-8, Harris 7-14 4-14, Crowder 1-2 0-2, Totals 43-74 23 116.

**DALLAS** — 25 21 35 25-106  
**Pistons** — 22 28 32 22-106  
Three-point Goals—Detroit 4-13 (Jennings 2-5, Singler 1-2, Caldwell-Pope 1-2, Harrellson 0-1, Stuckey 0-1, Smith 0-2), Dallas 7-21 (Nowitzki 3-5, Harris 2-4, Calderon 1-2, Carter 1-5, Crowder 0-1, Marion 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 49 (Monroe 9), Dallas 47 (Nowitzki 9). Assists—Detroit 18 (Jennings 7), Dallas 23 (Harris 7). Total Fouls—Detroit 21, Dallas 19. Technicals—Dallas defensive three second. A—15,662 (15,200).

**Heat 113, Spurs 101**  
**SAN ANTONIO** — Bellinelli 4-9 4-10 15, Duncan 9-13 5-23, Davis 6-10 0-15, Parker 4-12 2-22 2, McRoberts 2-10 0-11 1-1 1-3, Ayres 3-5 1-2 7, Mills 1-6 0-3, Jeffers 2-3 1-2 5, Bonner 1-3 0-3 0, Bosh 3-9 0-6, De Colo 2-4 3-4 7, Totals 38-76 19 101.

**MIAMI** — James 8-15 5-14, Battler 0-1 0-0, Bosh 9-10 5-24, Chalmers 6-8 2-16, Allen 3-5 1-2 1-2, Wade 3-8 2-8 0-6, 4-9 2-11, Anderson 3-4 2-8, Beasley 3-8 2-12, Oden 1-3 1-2 3, Mason Jr. 1-2 0-0 3, Lewis 1-0 0-0 0, Totals 47-74 23 113.

**SAN ANTONIO** — 28 22 31 20-101  
**MIAMI** — 28 22 31 20-113  
Three-point Goals—San Antonio 6-22 (Daw 3-6, Parker 1-2, Bonner 1-3, Mills 1-5, De Colo 0-1, Duncan 0-1, Ginobili 0-2), Joseph 0-2, Bellinelli 0-3, Miami 8-19 (Allen 2-3, Chalmers 2-3, Mason Jr. 1-2, Bosh 1-2, Cole 1-3, James 1-3, Lewis 0-1, Anderson 0-1, Battler 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 33 (Baynes 6), Miami 41 (James 7). Assists—San Antonio 24 (Parker 7), Miami 28 (James 7). Total Fouls—San Antonio 17, Miami 22. Technicals—James. A—19,683 (15,600).

## Roundup

## Heat roll by Spurs in Finals rematch

The Associated Press

**MIAMI** — Dwyane Wade came off the bench for the first time in more than six years. The Larry O'Brien Trophy wasn't at stake. Spurs coach Gregg Popovich sported a casual, no-tie look.

An NBA Finals rematch, yes. An NBA Finals replay, it was not. Either way, it still wound up going how the Miami Heat wanted.

Chris Bosh scored 24 points on 9-for-10 shooting — making him 17 for his last 18 from the floor — and LeBron James added 18 points as the Heat rolled past the San Antonio Spurs 113-101 on Sunday, never trailing and leading by as many as 29 points along the way.

"Did that feel like The Finals? No, it did not feel like The Finals," is how Heat coach Erik Spoelstra opened his postgame remarks, without anyone ever asking the question.

Mario Chalmers scored 16 points for Miami, which used Wade as a reserve for the first time since Jan. 6, 2008. Wade — an All-Star starter again this season — had not played in any of Miami's most recent four games while dealing with ongoing knee rehabilitation, and finished with eight points and five assists in 24 minutes.

Wade said not starting was his idea, and seemed generally pleased with his first game in nine days.

"I've only had one practice in a while," Wade said. "Team was in a good groove. I wanted to work my way into my rhythm."

Michael Beasley scored 12, Norris Cole scored 11 and Ray Allen added 10 for Miami (32-12). Spoelstra said afterward that nothing is set in stone about Wade's status going forward.

"It was just good to have him out there," Spoelstra said.

Tim Duncan led San Antonio with 23 points. Boris Diaw added 15, Marco Belinelli scored 12 and Tony Parker finished with 11 for the Spurs, who were without three players who played key roles in last year's Finals. Kawhi Leonard (hand), Danny Green (hand) and Tim Lincecum (shoulder) all remain sidelined for San Antonio (33-11), which lost for just the fourth time in 20 road games.

The game was tied at 44 late in the first half. Before long, it was a runaway.

Miami closed the second quarter with a 14-6 sprint, outscored San Antonio 33-21 the third and opened the fourth on a 13-4 run, just in case there was any remaining doubt, which hardly seems likely.

Add it up, and over a 20-minute stretch the two-time defending champs outscored the Spurs 60-31.

"They kind of got in a comfort

zone," Duncan said. "Obviously a very good team and very good at what they do, just didn't get them off their game at all."

**Warriors 103, Trail Blazers 85:** Stephen Curry had 38 points, eight assists and seven rebounds as host Golden State used a smothering defense to beat Portland.

Curry shot 13 of 23 from the floor to carry the offensive load. The Warriors did it all on defense, too, building a 22-point lead midway through the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach.

**Nets 85, Celtics 79:** Andray Blatche scored 17 points to lead the Nets to victory in the first game in Boston for by Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett since they were traded last July.

The Celtics were led by Brandon Bass with 17 points and Rondo with 13 points, eight rebounds and eight assists.

Pierce and Garnett scored just six points each for the Nets.

**Knicks 101, Lakers 103:** Carmelo Anthony followed his 62-point game with 35 more as host New York beat Los Angeles.

Ramond Felton scored 20 points. Tim Hardaway Jr. had 18 and J.R. Smith 16 for the Knicks. Tyson Chandler had 13 points and four rebounds.

Jodie Meeks scored 24 points for the Lakers. Pau Gasol had 20 points and 13 rebounds as the Lakers dropped their fourth straight.

**Nuggets 125, Kings 117:** Ty Lawson scored 27 points, Wilson Chandler had 20 and visiting Denver defeated short-handed Sacramento for its second straight victory.

Isaiah Thomas scored 22 points for the Kings, who have dropped three straight and five of six.

**Pelicans 100, Magic 92:** Anthony Davis had 22 points, a career-high 19 rebounds and seven blocked shots as host New Orleans beat Orlando to win its second straight game.

Tyreke Evans scored 13 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter to keep struggling Orlando at bay.

**Suns 99, Cavaliers 90:** Markieff Morris scored 27 points and Victor Oladipo rallied from an 18-minute halftime deficit to defeat Cleveland.

The Suns turned in a dominant second half, outscoring the Cavaliers 56-29. Channing Frye finished with 16 points and Goran Dragovic scored 15 to help Phoenix pull off the comeback win.

**Mavericks 116, Pistons 106:** Dirk Nowitzki scored 28 points and Devin Harris had a season-high 14 for the second straight game to carry both Dallas past Detroit.

Nowitzki was 10 of 16 from the field in his second straight game wearing a sleeve on his sore left knee after sitting out a loss in Toronto.

## SUPER BOWL

## Super Bowl is no last ride for Manning

‘I still enjoy playing football’ says Broncos QB after record-setting season

By DENNIS WASZAK JR.  
The Associated Press

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Peyton Manning would love to go out a champion.

Just, not yet.

Riding off into the Super Bowl sunset with another ring might seem like the perfect ending to a record-breaking, highlight-filled career. But Manning's not ready to walk away from the game.

Even if his Denver Broncos beat the Seattle Seahawks next Sunday at MetLife Stadium.

“If I can't produce, if I can't help the team, that's when I'll stop playing,” Manning said Sunday shortly after the AFC champions arrived at their hotel. “If that's next year, maybe it is, but I certainly want to continue to keep playing.”

Who could blame him? Manning showed no signs of slowing down this season.

At 37, he set NFL records with 55 touchdown passes and 5,447 yards while leading the league's top-ranked offense. Now, he's trying to become the first starting quarterback to win Super Bowls with two teams, an accomplishment that seemed a bit of a long shot after he had two career-threatening neck surgeries two years ago.

“I still enjoy playing football,” Manning said. “I feel a little better than I thought I would at this point coming off that surgery, and I still enjoy the preparation part of it, the important part of it. Everybody enjoys the games and everybody's going to be excited to play in the Super Bowl.”

“But I think when you still enjoy the preparation, I think you probably still ought to be doing that.”

So, unless Manning's neck — or his doctor — tells him he's had enough, he'll be back next sea-



Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning talks with reporters on Sunday in Jersey City, N.J.

son and maybe more. That's good news for the Broncos and bad news for opposing defenses.

“Peyton's been extraordinary,” Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. “He's had the year that everyone would dream to have. People couldn't even dream to have the year that Peyton's had before this season with all the numbers. We're up against it.”

Manning, at a news conference aboard the Cornucopia Majesty cruise ship docked outside the team hotel, insisted that this won't be some sort of victory lap to cap his career. Manning has spoken to John Elway, his boss in the Broncos' front office, who retired after

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Pete Carroll  
Seattle Seahawks head coach

winning the second of consecutive Super Bowls in 1999. He has also talked to former Baltimore linebacker Ray Lewis, who walked away last year after the Ravens beat the San Francisco 49ers.

They mentioned how great a feeling it is, being able to go out on top, but Manning noted that there is a major difference between their situations and his.

“In talking to Ray Lewis and in talking with John Elway, they couldn't play anymore,” Manning said. “That was all they had to give, and they truly left it all out there. I certainly had a career change two years ago with my injury and changing teams, so I truly have been kind of on a one-year-at-a-time basis. So, I really have no plans beyond this game.”



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I had no plans coming into this season beyond this year.”

For those who work with Manning every day, they have no doubt he still approaches the game with the enthusiasm of a youngster.

“Absolutely, you can just tell he enjoys it and he loves it,” said wide receiver Wes Welker, wearing an eye-catching bright orange suit. “He loves being around the guys. He loves the game-planning. He loves Sundays. You can just tell all of the aspects of the game he really enjoys.”

Hundreds of bundled-up Broncos fans decked out in blue and orange greeted Manning and his teammates as they got off their bus outside the Hyatt Jersey City. It was about 25 degrees when they arrived, the type of frosty conditions they might have to deal with next Sunday.

Not that Manning is worried about checking the forecasts.

“In my two years, I think we have seen a lot as far as on-the-field situations — weather, crowd noise, you name it — with this team,” Manning said. “So, I do feel comfortable.”

## Sherman on best behavior as Seahawks arrive in NJ



JULIO CORTESZ/AP

Seattle Seahawks' Richard Sherman arrives at Newark Liberty International Airport for Super Bowl XLVIII.

By TOM CANAVAN  
The Associated Press

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — From the moment he went to the podium, it was clear that Richard Sherman was enjoying the hype at the start Super Bowl week.

The Seahawks' loquacious cornerback smiled and laughed. He never shied away from questions about his postgame rant about Michael Crabtree immediately after Seattle won the NFC title last weekend and when it came time to get serious about himself he gave thoughtful answers.

What Sherman didn't do for the dozen camera crews and 50 members of the media at the Seahawks' news conference after landing in New Jersey was create any banner headlines or billboard material for the Super Bowl against the Denver Broncos. He's learned from the uproar over

his comments last week, when many came away with a poor opinion of him.

“I still enjoy that because you're learning, constantly learning and constantly growing as a person,” Sherman said Sunday night. “You're constantly figuring out how the world works, how you can affect the world and how your words affect kids. I really want to affect kids and influence and inspire kids to really reach their full potential and live their life goals and go out there and make the world a better place, so I can do that on this stage, it's a great blessing.”

His focus this week is on the Broncos and the title game at MetLife Stadium.

There were no harsh words. He talked about his respect for the Broncos' top-ranked offense, his friendship with Denver receiver Demaryius Thomas and the fact that the blowup

with Crabtree led to a good discussion about race relations.

Sherman was put under the microscope after postgame comments in which he said Crabtree is a mediocre receiver. The comments came moments after Sherman deflected a pass to Crabtree in the end zone late in the fourth quarter and it was intercepted, sealing the Seahawks' trip to the Meadowlands.

While he didn't apologize Sunday, Sherman doesn't see himself as the thug some made him out to be.

“I am just a guy trying to be the best,” Sherman said. “I am a guy who wants to help this team win. I am a fiery competitor who puts his life into his work and puts his everything into his work. I came from humble beginnings and came from a place where not everyone gets out of. I am just trying to affect the world in a positive way.”

## NFL

# Cold: Both teams prepared to battle through elements

## FROM BACK PAGE

It will take more than a good game to beat the Seahawks, of course. Seattle brings the stingiest defense in the league to the Super Bowl. It's a juicy matchup between an unstoppable force led by Manning (55 TD passes, 606 points) and an immovable object (231 points allowed, ranked first in overall and passing defense).

And it's exactly what the Seahawks traveled across the country for: the biggest of all challenges.

"Historically, it can't get any tougher," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. "People can't even dream to have a season (like Manning had). It's an extraordinary challenge, and we'll see how this matchup goes. They have to play us, too."

Plus, both teams might have to fight through the elements in the first outdoor Super Bowl in a cold-weather site.

On Sunday, an icy wind made its way through the Meadowlands, cut across the Hudson and into frigid Manhattan. Looks like Mother Nature is taking seriously the NFL's slogan for this Super Bowl: Best Served Cold.

"Don't let the cold weather get you," is Denver linebacker Wesley Woodyard's mantra. "Once you figure out a point in your mind that you're cold, that's when it gets you. So you just have to block it out and be into the moment."

For the moment, each side is dealing with distractions that accompany reaching the NFL's super-hyped championship game.

More media, for sure. A glaring spotlight on everything. Spending a week away from home. Practicing in another team's facility: the Seahawks at the Giants' complex across the parking lots from MetLife Stadium, the Browns at the Jets' place in Florham Park, about 30 minutes from the Meadowlands.

Both coaches, Denver's John Fox and Seattle's Carroll, are concerned about the outdoor practice fields being frozen or covered with snow. Neither sounded eager about working indoors the entire week.

Just another inconvenience that goes along with the Super Bowl, although the NFL said the outdoor fields will be available for practices.

"Cold, hot, snow, rain, football is challenging," Seahawks All-Pro safety Earl Thomas said. "That's why we've got to stay in it (mentally) for the whole game — the personnel, the matchups. It's not about psyching yourself up, it's about the opportunity. You've got the God-given ability and you want to show it off. It doesn't matter where it is."

Where it is, of course, is where every football player seeks to be in early February. Whether the Super Bowl is played on the Meadowlands tundra, in Death Valley or on Mars, every NFL player wants to be suiting up for it.

"I think in order to be a championship football team we've got to be weatherproof, and I think our football team played in all different elements this year," Fox said. "I feel comfortable with where we're at as far as the elements, but it's a part of the game. I think tradition-wise, it's been a part of the league and a part of a lot of championships."

Not one regular Seahawks player has been to this stage, giving Denver something of an edge in experience. The Broncos have four: receiver Wes Welker, tight end Jacob Tamme, cornerback Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie and their quarterback.

Manning, of course, is the only current Bronco to have won a ring, with Indianapolis in 2007. He also lost the Super Bowl in 2010 with the Colts.



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Panthers fullback Mike Tolbert, of Team Rice, celebrates his two-point conversion in the fourth quarter of the Pro Bowl on Sunday.

# Tolbert conversion lifts Team Rice

## Philly QB Foles named offensive MVP, KC's Johnson defensive MVP

By OSKAR GARCIA  
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HONOLULU — The NFL's all-stars are defending their effort in the lowest scoring Pro Bowl in eight years — a game that pitted teammates against each other in a contest decided in the final minute.

"The game was as good as an all-star game or Pro Bowl could ever be and it's been a great week," said New Orleans tight end Jimmy Graham, who caught an 8-yard touchdown from Saints teammate Drew Brees in the second quarter Sunday en route to a 22-21 victory for Jerry Rice over Deion Sanders.

Dallas running back DeMarco Murray caught a 20-yard touchdown pass with 41 seconds left and Carolina running back Mike Tolbert plunged into the end zone for a two-point conversion to give Rice the win in the first NFL all-star game to stray from the AFC versus NFC format.

Rice also earned fresh bragging rights on Sanders nearly a decade after both players retired from the NFL.

"They called my number the whole way," Tolbert said on the field after the game. "Philip (Rivers) told them to give it to me. My old teammate, he told them to give it to me."

Baltimore's Justin Tucker missed a 67-yard field goal on the game's final play after missing a 60-yarder earlier in the game.

Rice's team came back after Philadelphia quarterback Nick Foles threw a 12-yard touchdown to Cleveland tight end Jordan Cameron with less than 5 minutes to play to give Sanders a 21-14 lead.

The touchdowns by Cameron and Murray were the only scores of the second half in a game that had eight turnovers — including six interceptions — and nine sacks.



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Hall of Famer Jerry Rice, Pro Bowl alumni team captain, thanks the fans for their support on Sunday in Honolulu. Team Rice defeated Team Sanders 22-21.

Foles was the only quarterback of six in the game to not throw an interception. He was named offensive MVP, finishing with seven completions for 89 yards.

Philadelphia wide receiver DeSean Jackson and Carolina quarterback Cam Newton also had touchdowns for Team Sanders. Graham and Cleveland wide receiver Josh Gordon caught touchdowns for Team Rice. Gordon led Team Rice with six catches for 66 yards, while Washington running back Alfred Morris had four catches for 69 yards.

The Pro Bowlers were split up by the NFL greats in a new draft format meant to improve the game. The picks made earlier in the week created matchups that pitted usual teammates against each other and challenged Rice and Sanders to compare the all-stars against one another. That led to plenty of trash talk between Rice and Sanders and some bruised egos among players used to being on top of their sport.

"Great Job Goat!!!!!" Sanders tweeted toward Rice after the game. "Enjoy this moment cause u know I'm hot right now."

The result Sunday was a game that appeared more competitive than in years past, with some big hits — even between teammates — and fewer shenanigans.

"It was crazy, but we had fun with it," Gordon said. "I loved it and enjoyed it."

Gordon was flipped by teammate T.J. Ward on one of the biggest hits in the game.

"I don't think he knew what he was doing, but I'll give him the benefit of a doubt on that one," Gordon said. "I'll get him back in Cleveland."

Kansas City linebacker Derrick Johnson — who had a big hit in the first half on Chiefs teammate Jamaal Charles — was selected as the game's defensive MVP for Team Rice.

"I didn't expect it, but he's out there doing his thing," said Charles, who was knocked out of Kansas City's playoff loss to Indianapolis with a concussion. "I can't get mad at him — it's just about football and you've just got to be ready."

Johnson had nine tackles, including eight solo tackles. Carolina linebacker Luke Kuechly had 12 tackles, including 11 solo tackles.



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Workers shovel snow near a tent which will be used as an access point into Super Bowl XLVIII, which will be the first Super Bowl held outdoors in a city where it snows.

## Seahawks, Broncos arrive in blustery Big Apple

 BY BARRY WILNER  
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JERSEY CITY, N.J. **L**eave it to Peyton Manning to put everything in perspective.

"The Super Bowl is a big deal," the Broncos' record-setting quarterback said Sunday after his team arrived in a frozen Big Apple — well, across the icy Hudson River in New Jersey, actually.

Well, yeah, it's only the biggest sporting event in America, a quasi-na-

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tional holiday. That's not lost on the four-time NFL MVP and owner of one Super Bowl title.

"I know how hard it is to get here," he added. "I know how much time and sacrifice our team has made in order to have this

opportunity to play in this game. We were excited to get on that plane. We were excited getting off that plane, and we are looking forward to being here all week and, hopefully, playing a good game next Sunday."

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